

Sgt. Alvin York

World War One Hero & American Icon



Sgt Alvin York 82nd Infantry Division Pall Mall, TN 1887-1964

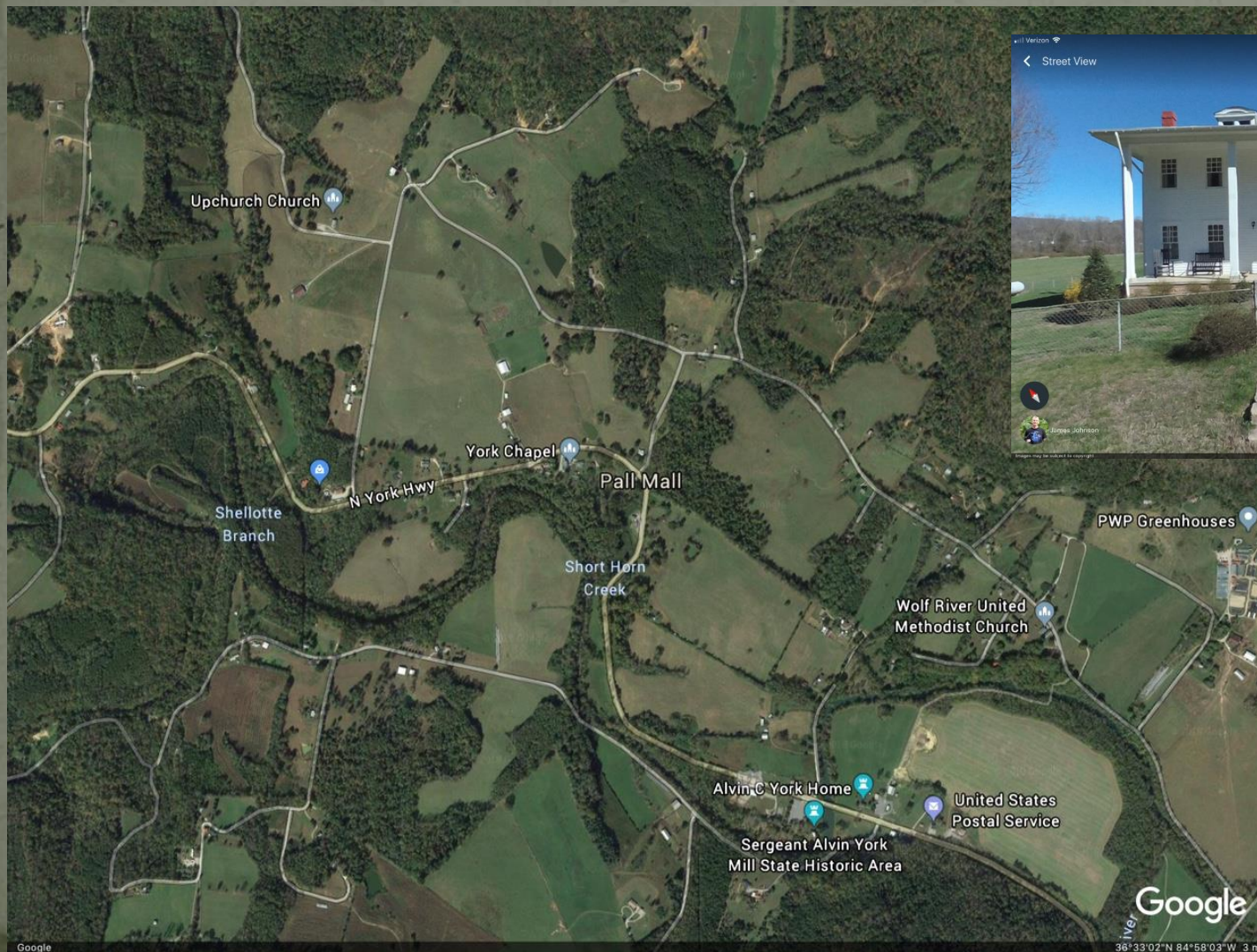


“My people were from the mountains the farthest back that we can remember”



Pall Mall

Fentress County, Tennessee



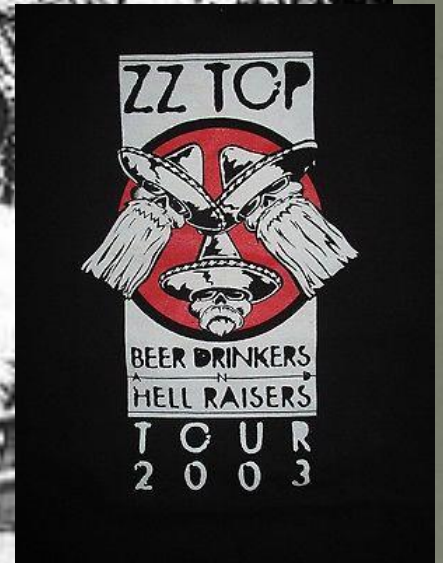
“We tied a turkey up behind a log at 60 yards and shot at it with our muzzle loaders when it’s head bobbed up”



OLD TIME TURKEY SHOOT IN PALL MALL, TENNESSEE:

Front row, left to right: Clay Conatser, Dr. J. Perry Sloan, Tom Skeyhill (Author of Sgt. York book), and Hendricks Cravens. Back row, left to right: John Sowders, Harrison Jennings, Albert Taylor, Wash Blevins, Isaac Hatfield, Berry Hatfield, Sgt. Alvin C. York, Albert York, boy in front of Albert York; Ernest Criswell, Gurse Delk and Oliver Delk.

“Blind Tigers”



Alvin York & the Church of Christ in Christian Union – Rev. Russell (1915)



“I used to walk out in the night under the stars and kinder linger on the hillside, and I sorter wanted to put my arms around them-there hills. They were at peace with the world and so was I.”

Alvin C. York after his Religious
Conversion in 1915

Form I

REGISTRATION CARD

No. 27

1	Name in full <i>Alvin Eugene York</i> (Given name) (Family name)	Age, in yrs. <i>24</i>
2	Home address <i>Pace Mill Tenn</i> (No.) (Street) (City) (State)	
3	Date of birth <i>Dec 13 1887</i> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <i>A. Natural Born</i>	
5	Where were you born? <i>Pace Mill Tenn U.S.A.</i> (Town) (State) (Nation)	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Labor on Farm 30</i>	
8	By whom employed? <i>R. C. Pile</i>	
9	Where employed? <i>Pace Mill Tenn</i>	
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <i>Mother Brother Sister</i>	
10	Married or single (which)? <i>Single</i> Race (specify which)? <i>Cauc</i>	
11	What military service have you had? Rank <i>none</i> ; branch years; Nation or State	
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <i>yes, Don't want to fight</i>	

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Alvin Eugene York
(Signature or mark)

If person is of African descent, tear off this corner

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <i>Med</i> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <i>med</i>
2	Color of eyes? <i>Blue</i> Color of hair? <i>Red</i> Bald? <i>no</i>
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <i>no</i>

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

R. C. Pile
(Signature of registrar)

City or County
8th Dist Fortuna Tenn
State

June 1 1917
(Date of registration)

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Camp Gordan, Georgia
82nd Inf Div "All American" – 46 States
York Assigned to 328th Inf Reg/2nd Battalion Co G



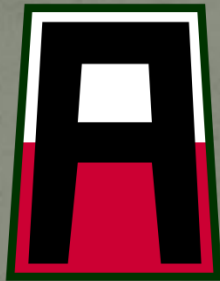
The Meuse-Argonne Offensive

26 September – 11 November 1918

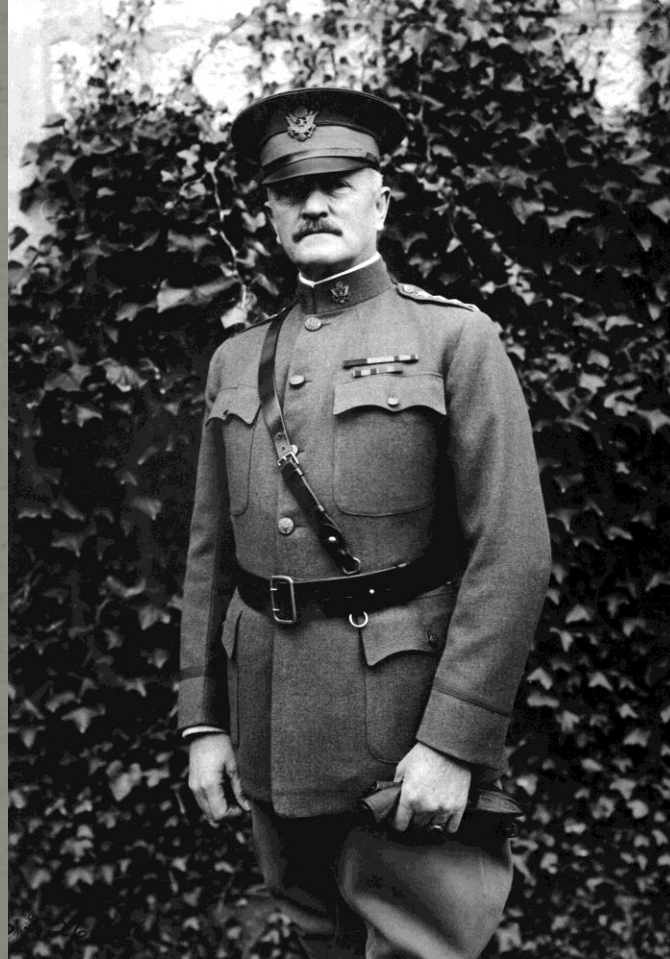


The Generals – AEF

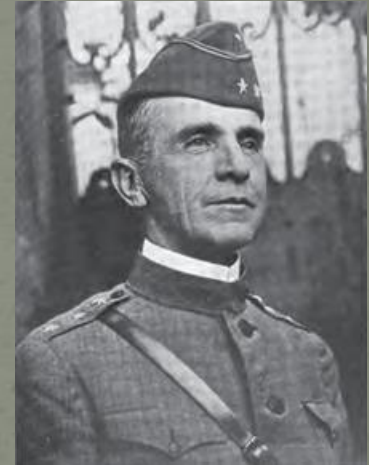
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Gen. John J. Pershing



Gen. Robert Bullard

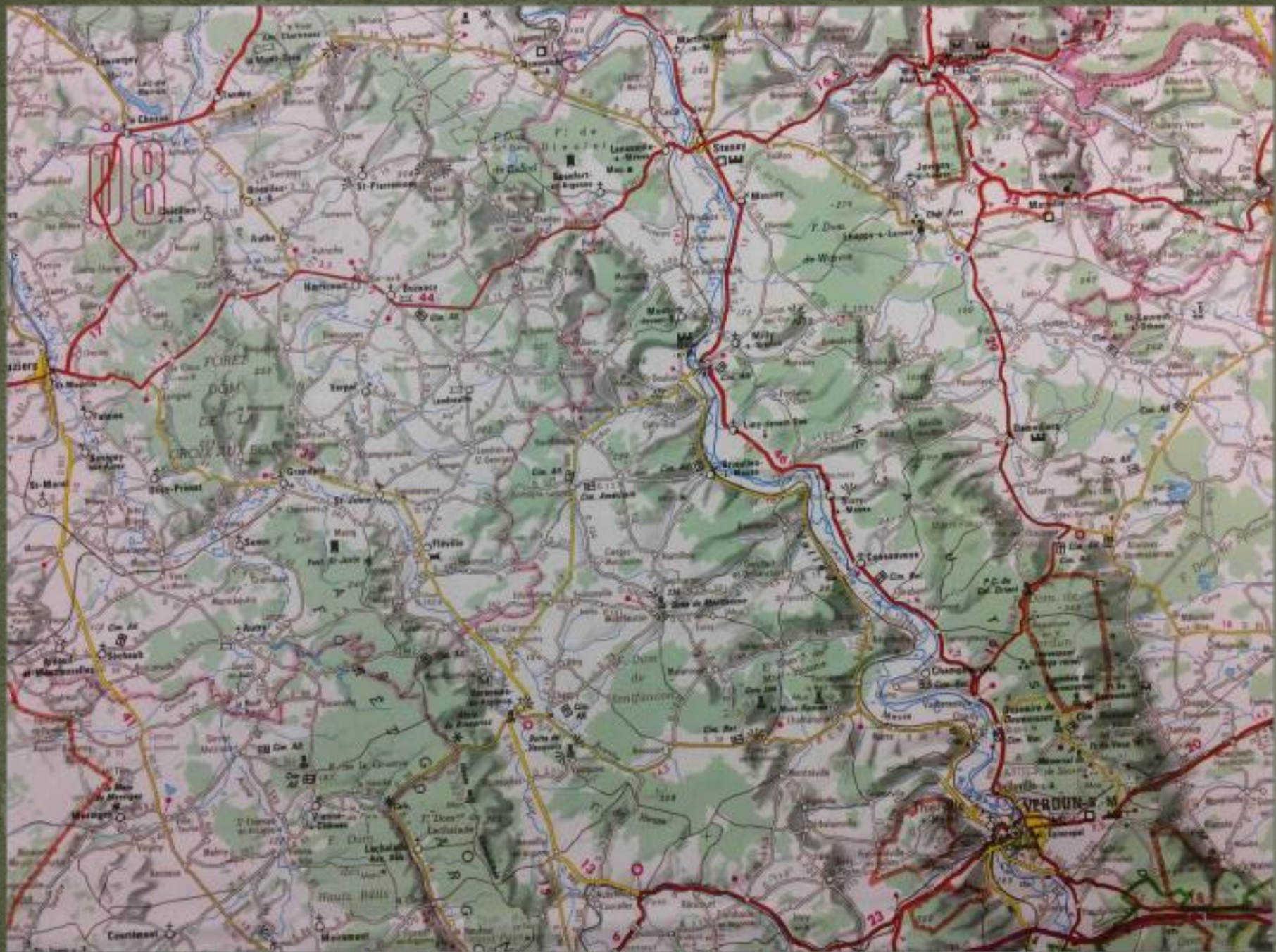


The Meuse-Argonne Region – Largely Unchanged Since 1918



Varennnes, France





Madeline Farm – Captured by 3rd Infantry Division on 9 October



Madeline Farm, Captured by the 3d Division on October 9, 1918

PHASE ONE

26 September – 4 October

Engineer's Bridge over River Aire at Boureuilles



German Defensive Lines

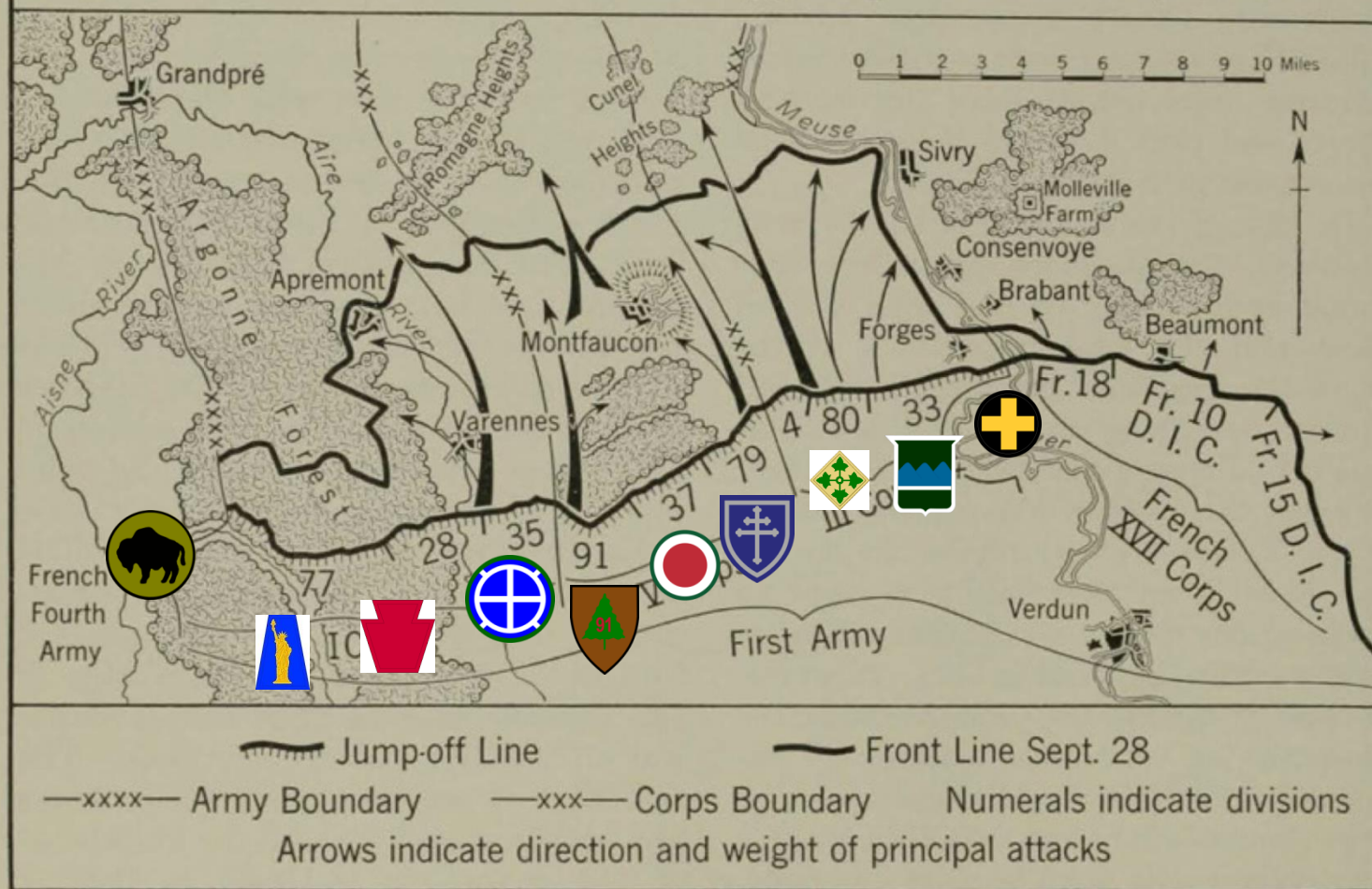


lay the dominating hill of Montfaucon which afforded the Germans perfect observation, and whose inherent strength had been greatly increased by the elaborate use of field fortifications of all kinds.

prepared artillery positions, all so placed as to be mutually supporting and to cover by cross and enfilade fire the ground between the features of natural strength.

The comparatively narrow front of this

Plan of Attack of First Army, September 26, 1918



above sketch. The III Corps was on the right with the 33d, 80th and 4th

of the French Fourth Army, and thus open the way toward Sedan and Mézières.

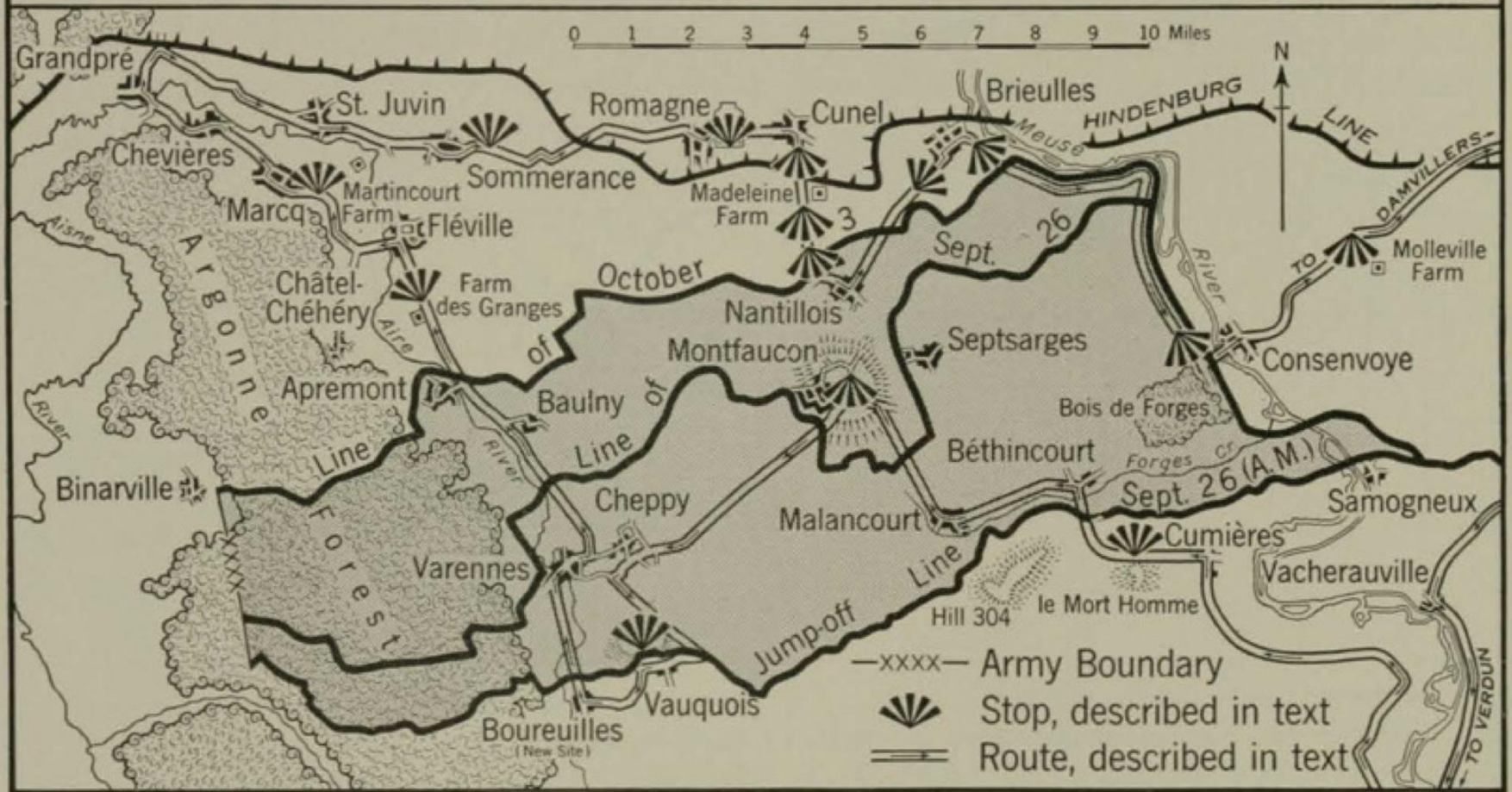


Kampfgeände-
Argonnen

Traffic in the Meuse-Argonne



Ground Gained by First Army, September 26-October 3, 1918

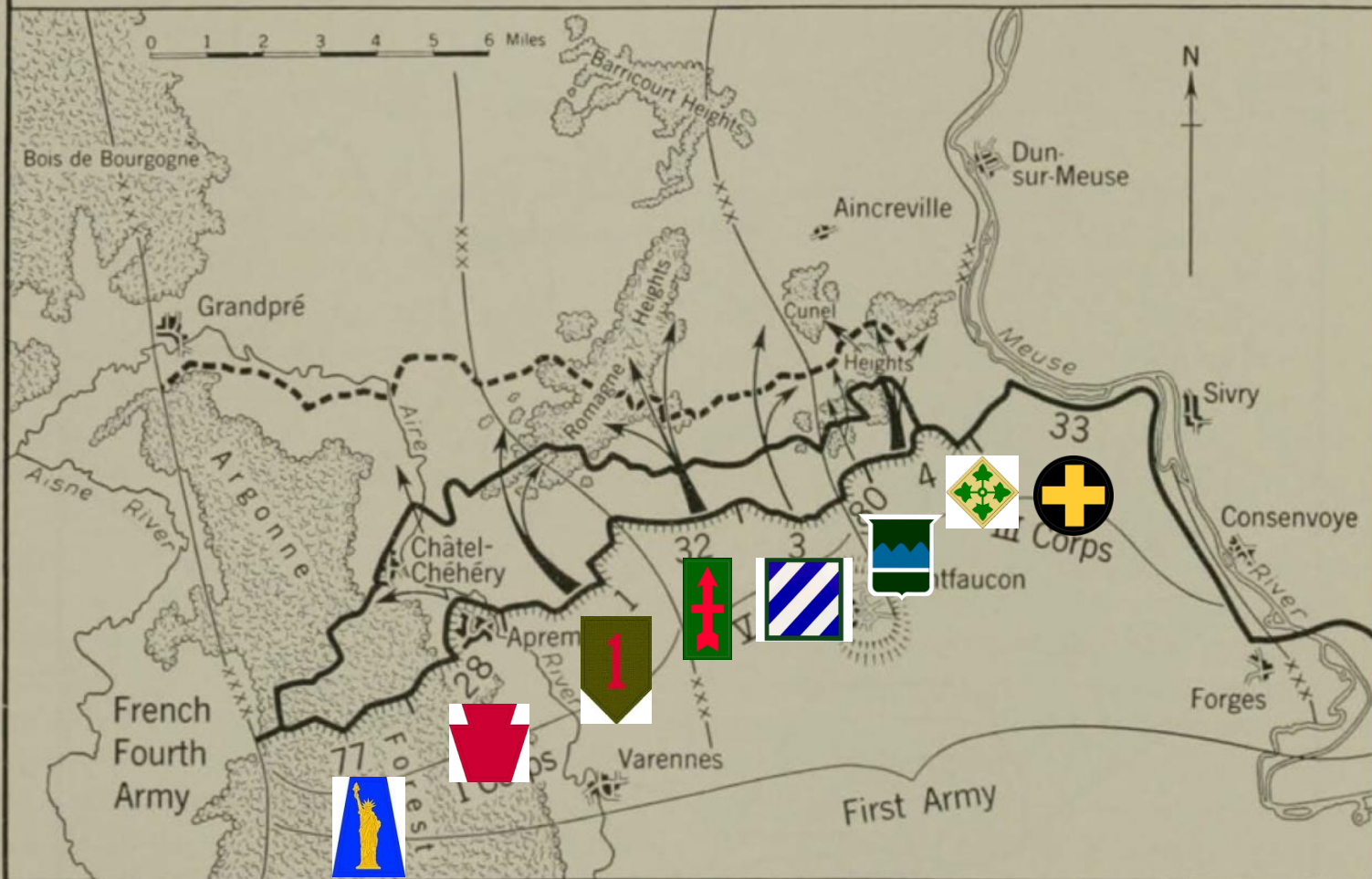


PHASE TWO

4 to 14 October

14 October - 1 November

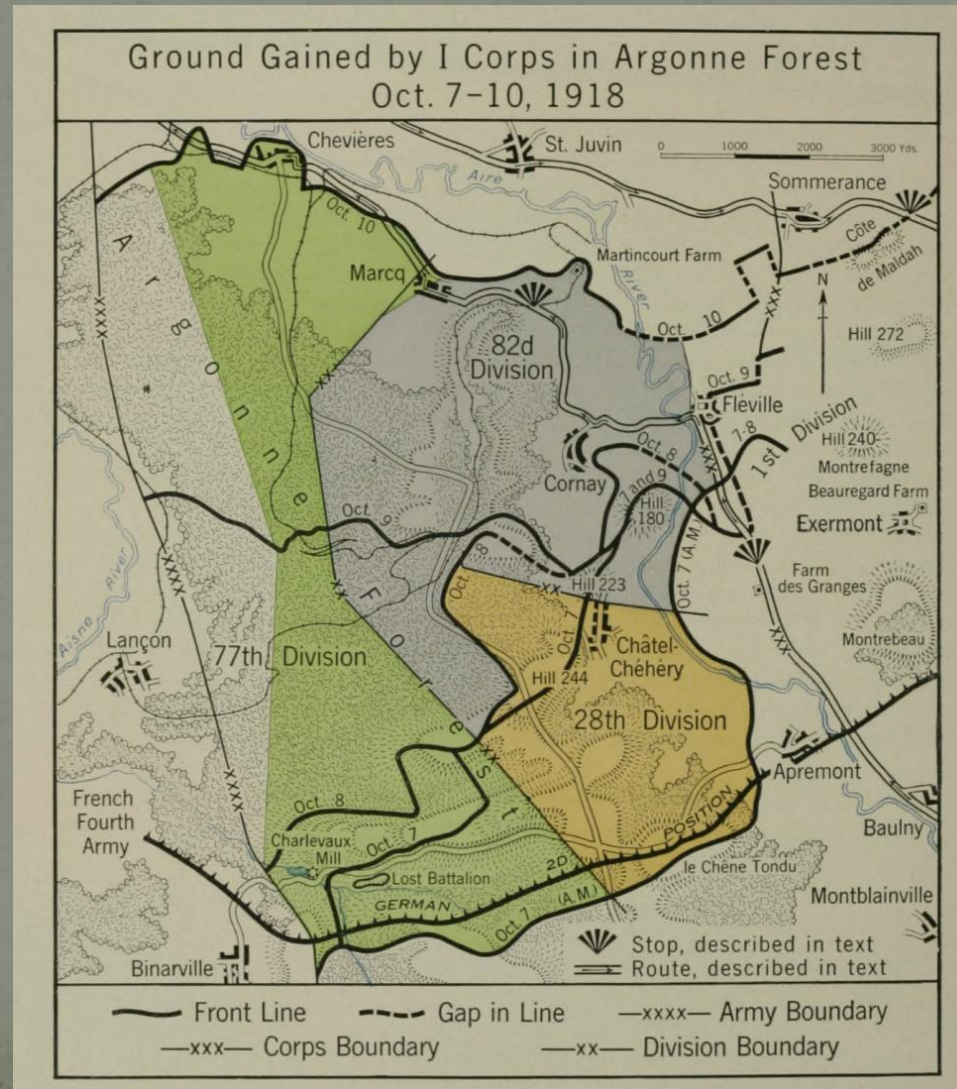
Plan of Attack of First Army, October 4, 1918



- Jump-off Line
- Front Line Oct. 7
- Front Line Oct. 13
- Army Boundary
- Corps Boundary
- Numerals indicate divisions
- Arrows indicate direction and weight of principal attacks

Second Phase of the Battle

October 4th – 14th



October 8, 1918

“The AEF’s Busiest Day”

Most Miles Occupied on the Western Front – 101

Most Troops in Frontline Combat – 1,078,190

Medals of Honor – 14

Begins Period of Highest Casualties – October 8 -18

1,200 Killed Each Day

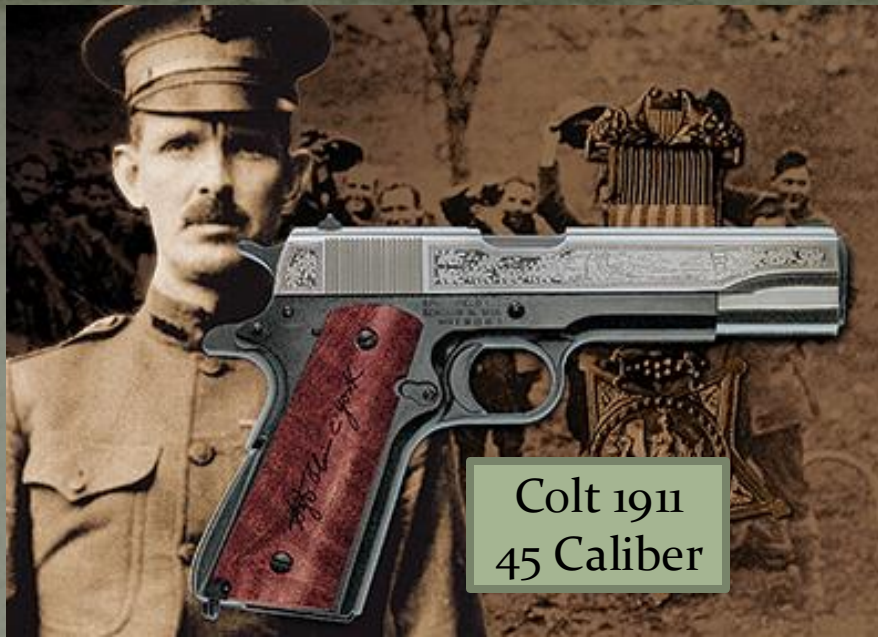
3,800 Gassed or Wounded Each Day

328th Regiment – Total for WW1

1,189 KIA & WIA

“So on the morning of the 8th, just before daylight we started for the hill of Chatel Chehery” – York Diary





Colt 1911
45 Caliber



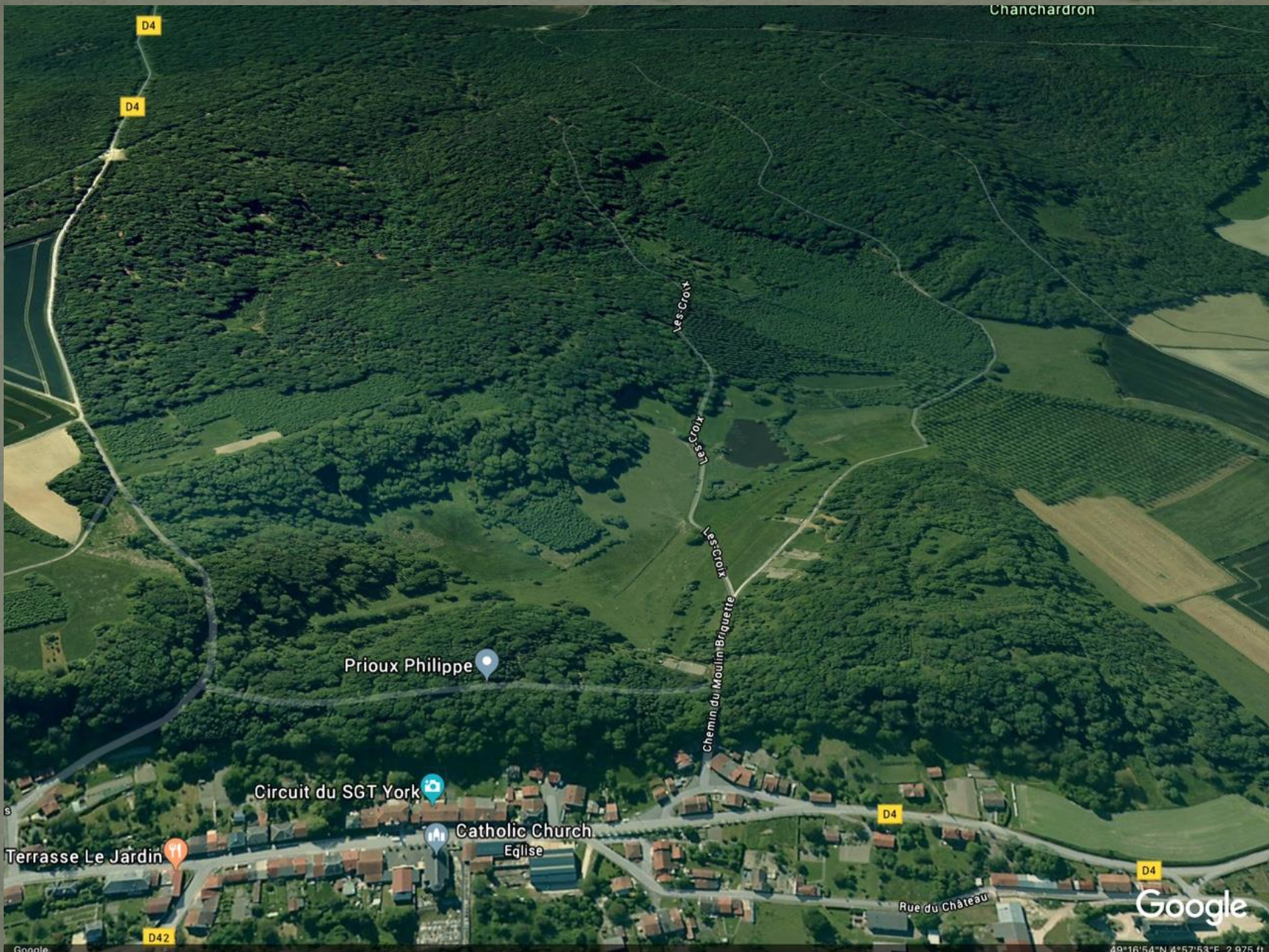
US Model 1903 Springfield



US Model 1917 (Enfield)

Chatel Chehery, France





D4

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Les Croix

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Les Croix

Chemin du Moulin Briquette

Prioux Philippe

Circuit du SGT York

Catholic Church
Eglise

Terrasse Le Jardin

Rue du Château

D4

D4

D42

Google

**Situation:
Evening
7 October, 1918**

**125th LDW
Positioned from Cornay
to the Humserberg
(Champrocher Ridge)**

**7th Company 125th LDW
on Hill 167**

**1/120th LDW
moved from Humserberg to
valley west of Chatel**

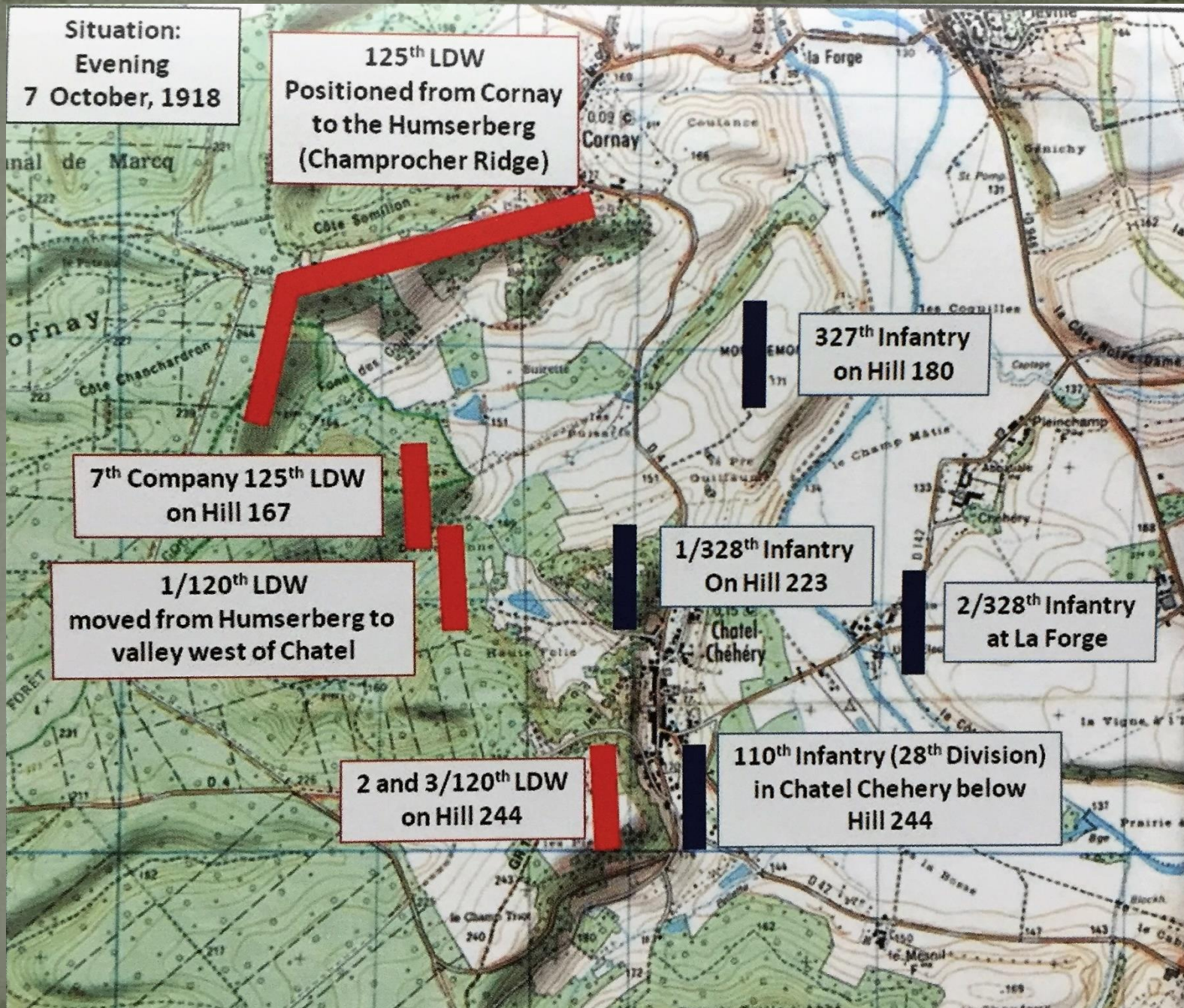
**2 and 3/120th LDW
on Hill 244**

**327th Infantry
on Hill 180**

**1/328th Infantry
On Hill 223**

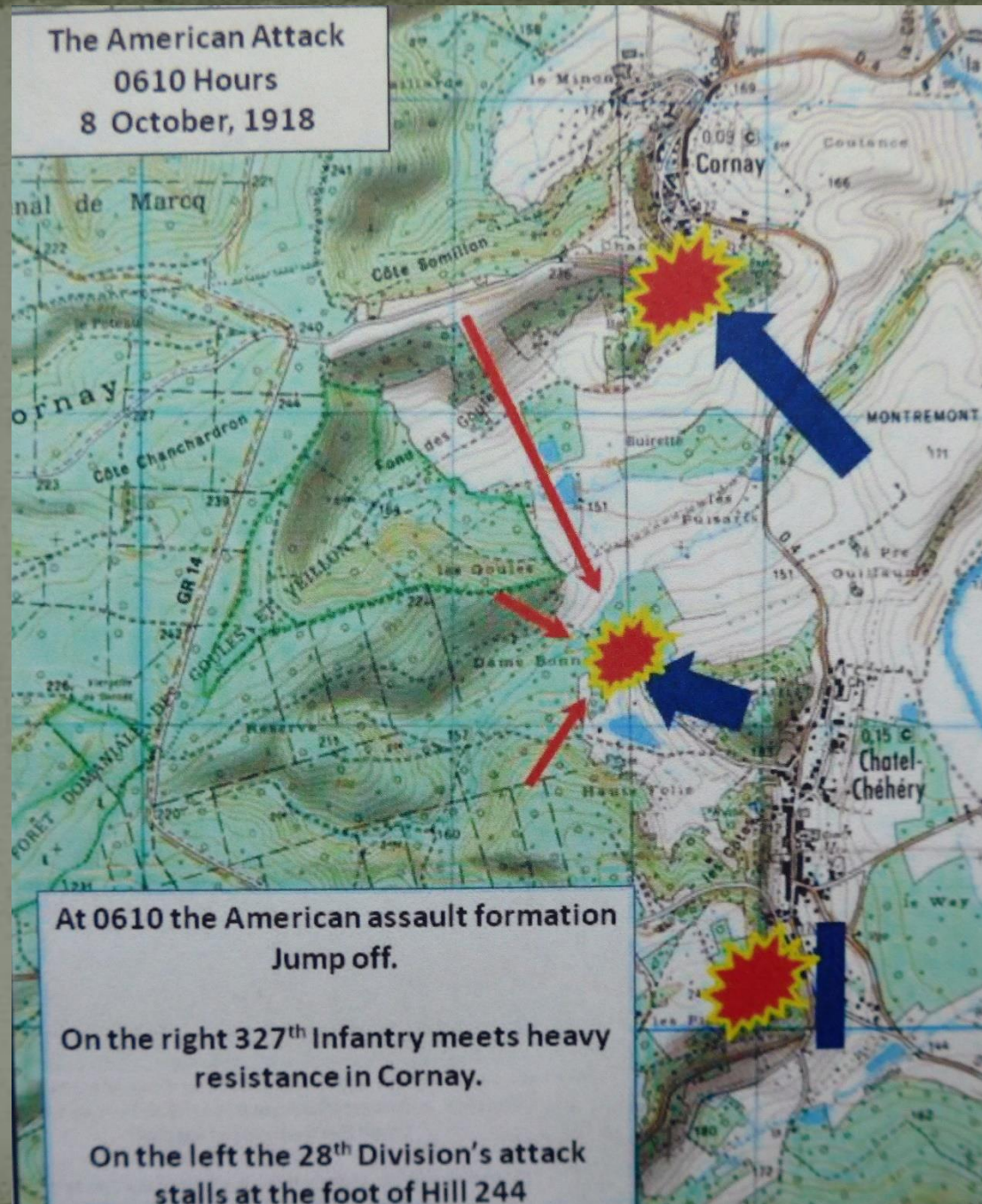
**2/328th Infantry
at La Forge**

**110th Infantry (28th Division)
in Chatel Chehery below
Hill 244**





The American Attack
0610 Hours
8 October, 1918



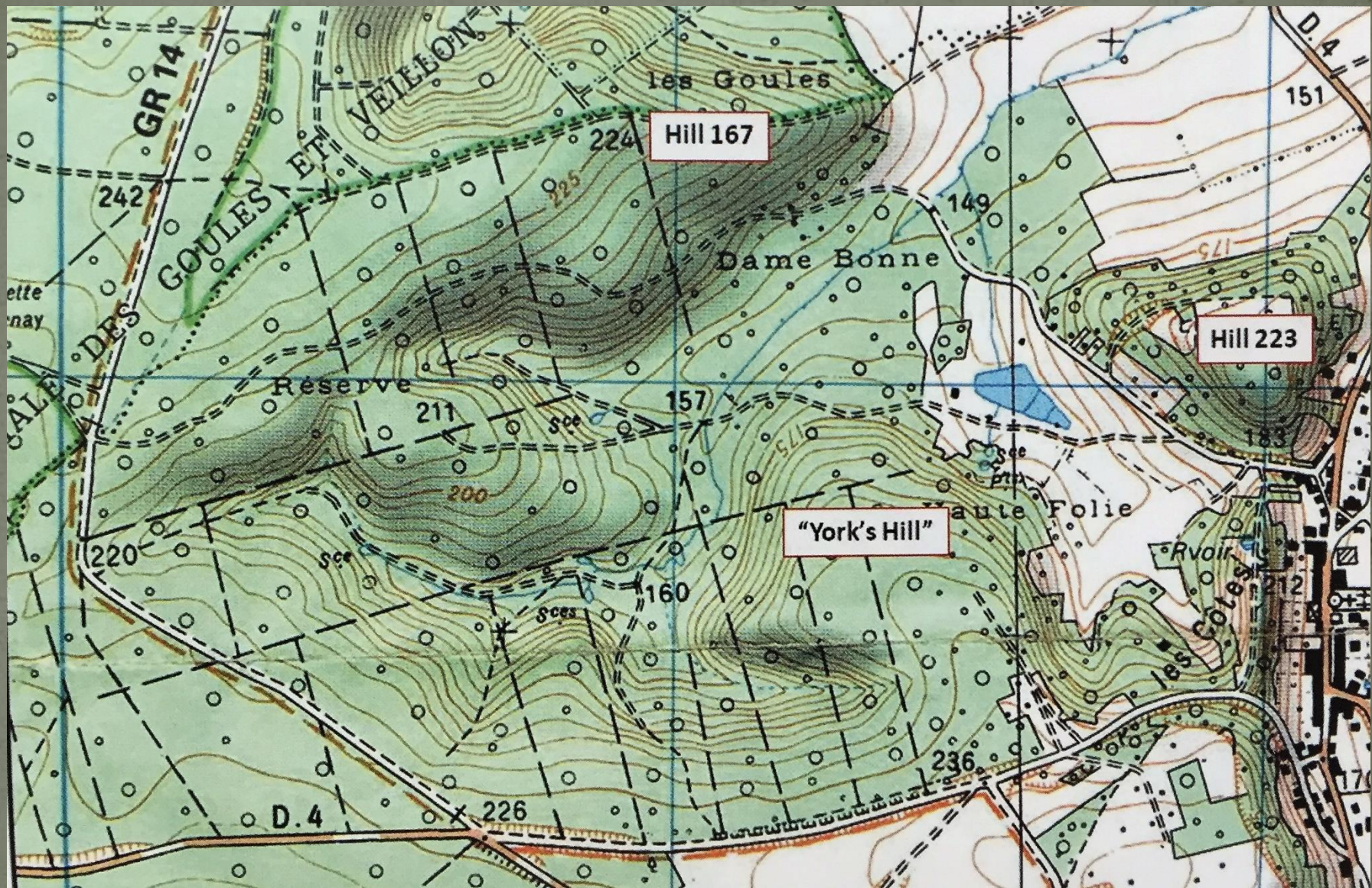
At 0610 the American assault formation
Jump off.

On the right 327th Infantry meets heavy
resistance in Cornay.

On the left the 28th Division's attack
stalls at the foot of Hill 244

German Machine Gun Position





The Germans met our charge across the valley with a regular sleet storm of bullets. I'm a-telling you that-there valley was a death trap. It was a triangular-shaped valley with steep ridges covered with brush, and swarming with machine guns on all sides. I guess our two waves got about halfway across and then jes couldn't get no further nohow. The Germans done got us and they done got us right smart. They jes stopped us in our tracks. Their machine guns were up there on the heights overlooking us and well hidden, and we couldn't tell for certain where the terrible heavy fire was coming from. It 'most seemed as though it was coming from everywhere.²⁵

PHOTO FROM 328th INFANTRY HISTORY
(View from the German perspective –
looking east from Hill 167 to Hill 223)

Route the patrol took to
get in behind the German
machineguns

Left flank of 328th Infantry
on 8 October, 1918

Hill 223

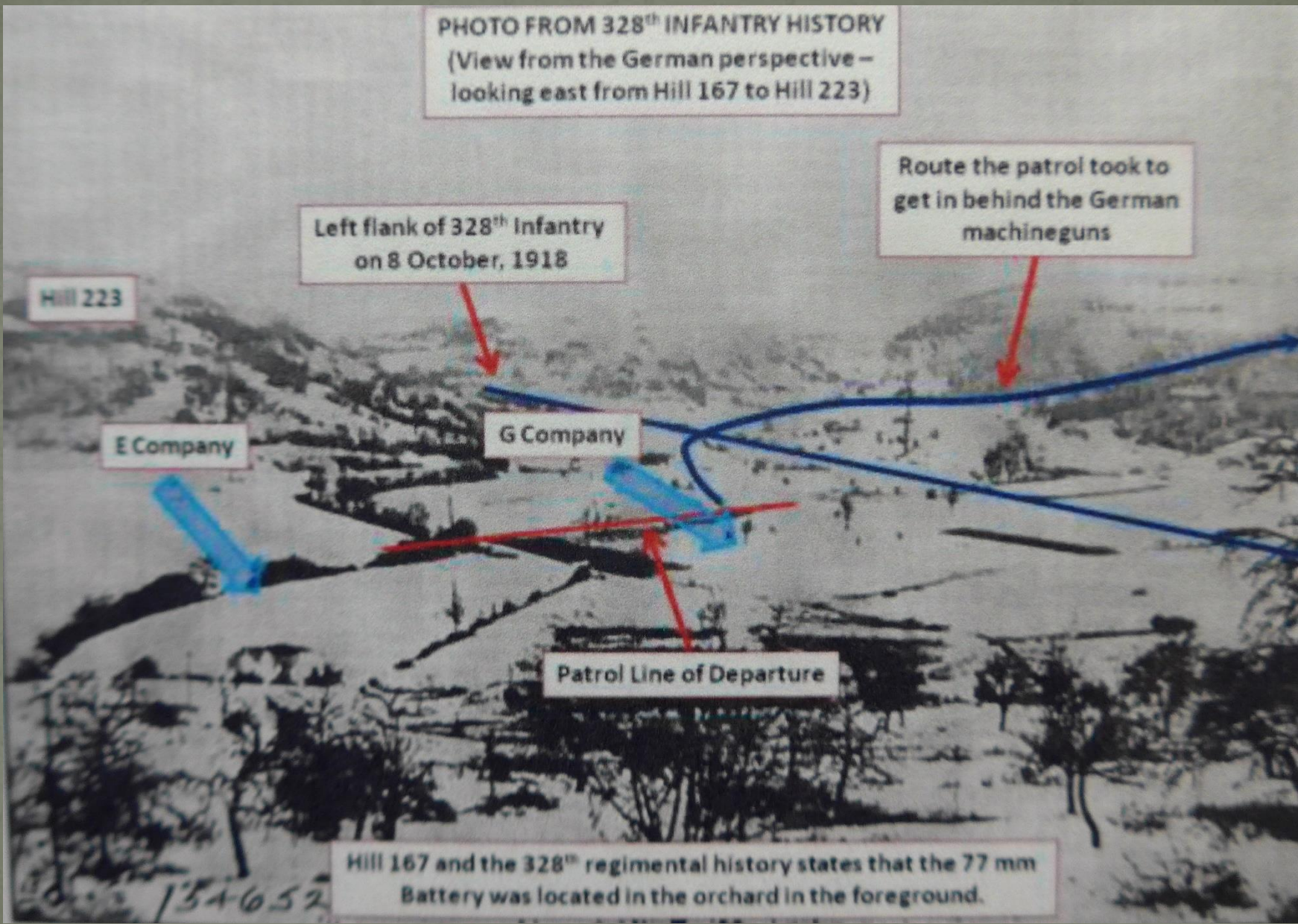
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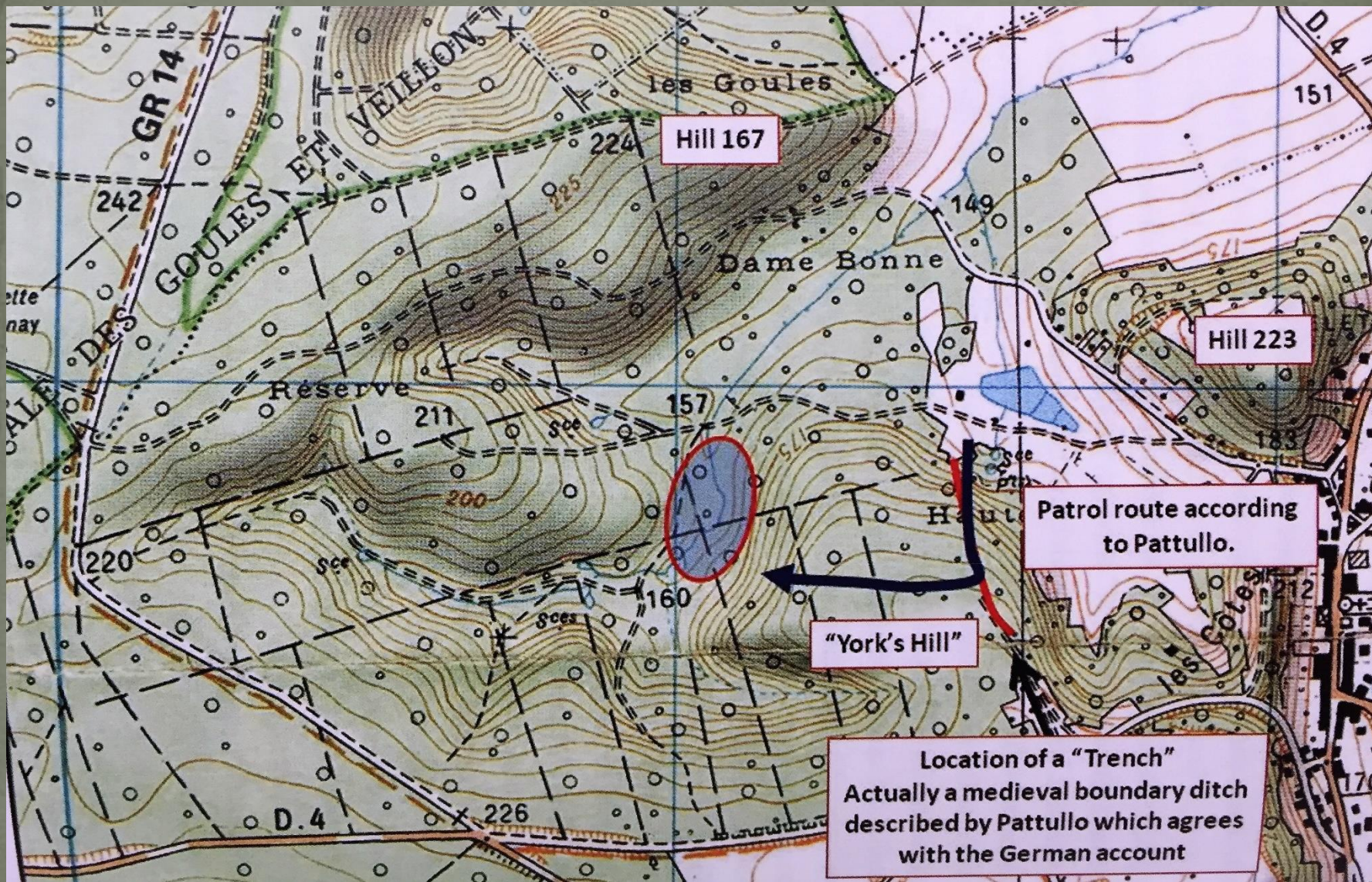
G Company

Patrol Line of Departure

Hill 167 and the 328th regimental history states that the 77 mm
Battery was located in the orchard in the foreground.

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Hill 167

Hill 223

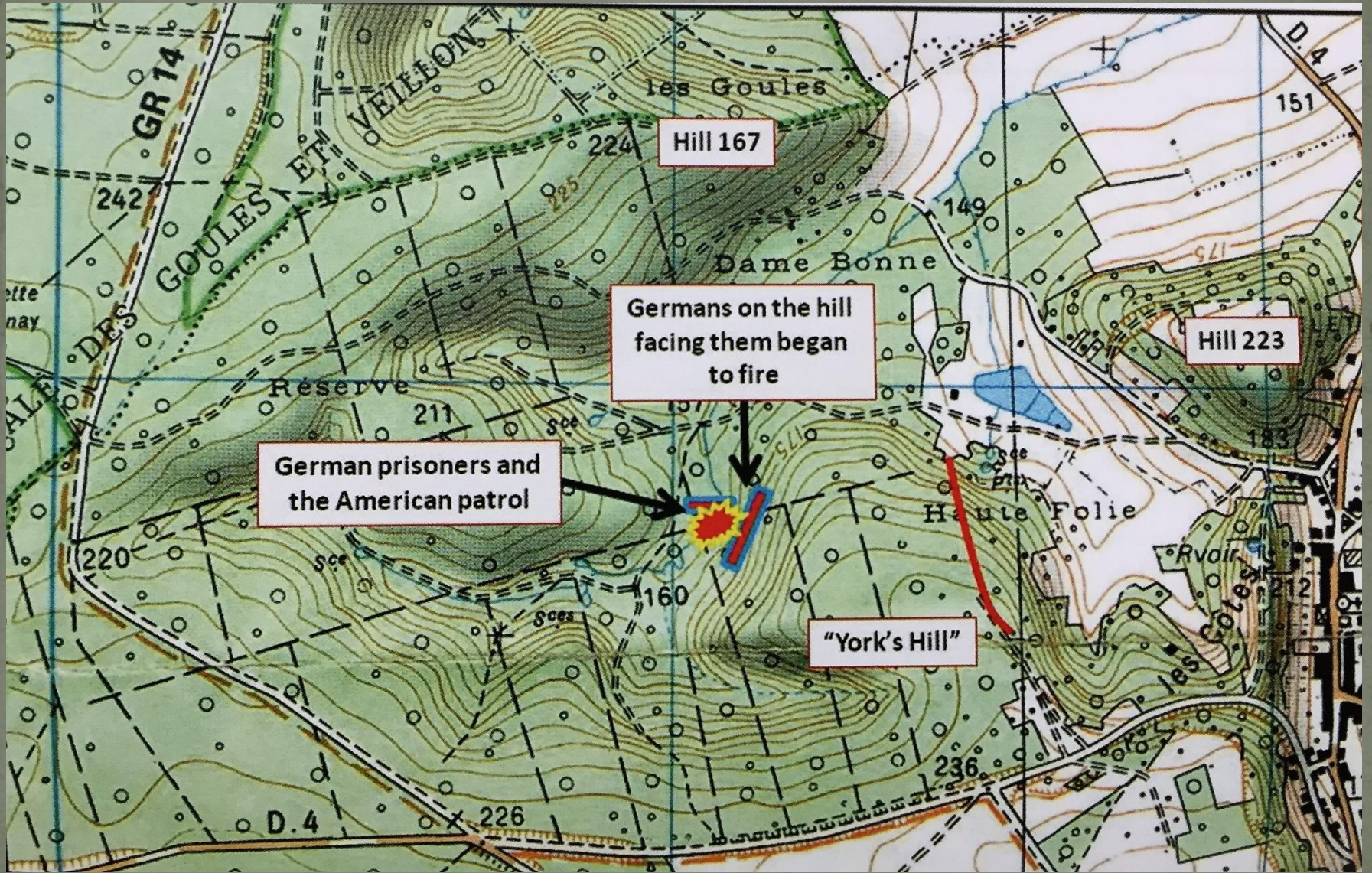
"York's Hill"

Patrol route according to Pattullo.

Location of a "Trench"
Actually a medieval boundary ditch described by Pattullo which agrees with the German account

“Every time I seed a German I jus
teched him off” – York Diary

They jumped out of the brush in front of us and run like two scared rabbits. We called to them to surrender, and one of our boys done fired and missed. And they kept on a-going. And we kept on after them. We wanted to capture them before they gave the alarm. We now knowed by the sounds of the firing that we were somewhere behind the German trench and in the rear of the machine guns that were holding up our big advance [on the big center hill]. We still couldn't see the Germans and they couldn't see us. But we could hear them machine guns shooting something awful. Savage's squad was leading, then mine, and then Cutting's. Sergeant Early was out in front, leading the way.⁴⁴



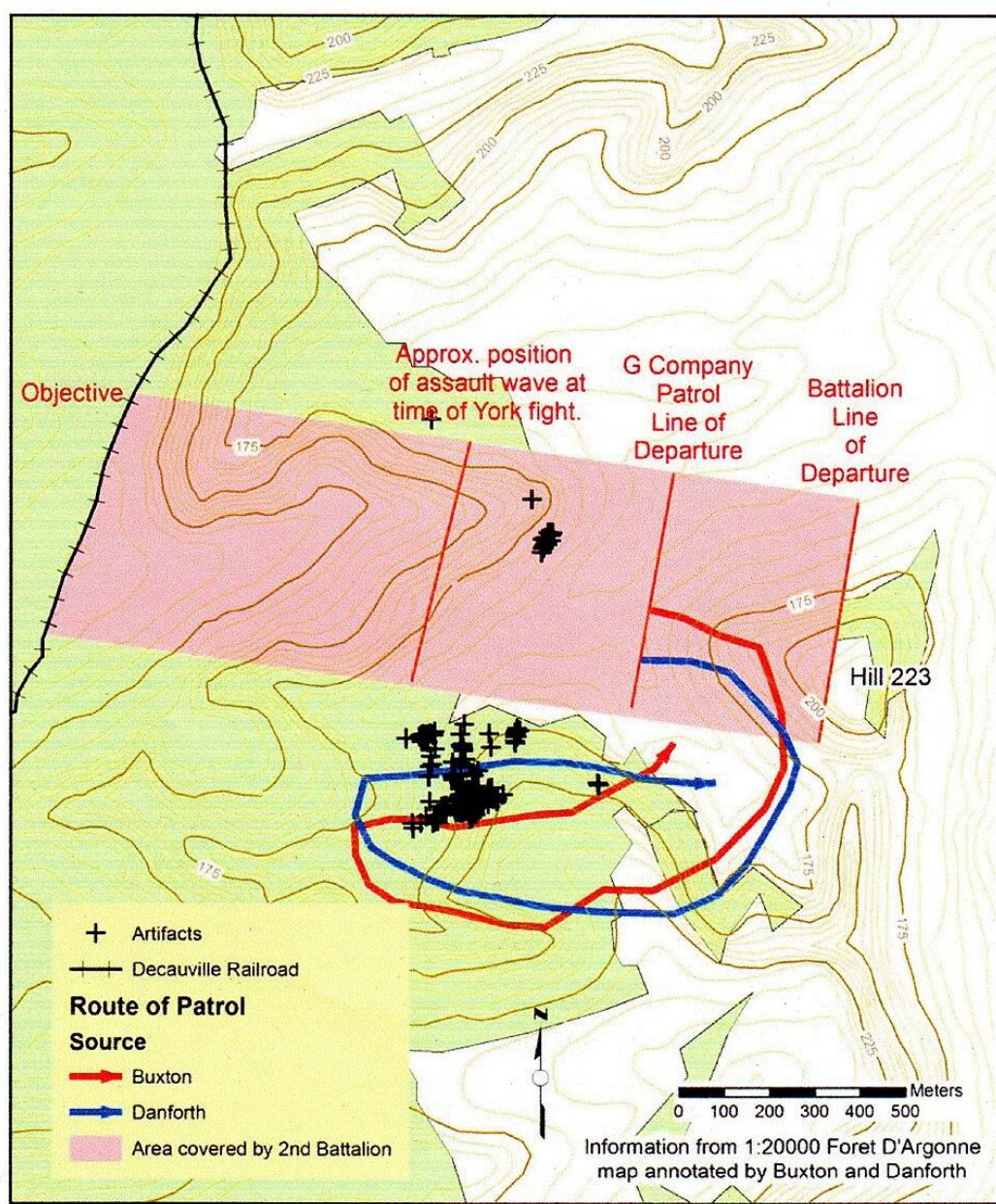


Figure 22, Artifact distribution in relation to route of patrol from Buxton and Danforth



Fig. 2: Tom Nolan (left) and Brad Posey with a freshly recovered German mess kit. (Photo by James Legg)





Fig. 6: Artifact processing—these German artifacts include cartridges, gas mask parts, stick grenades, and a shovel. (Photo by James Legg)



Fig. 3: James Legg recovering German rifle cartridges. (Photo courtesy of James Legg)

“York” Picks them off with his – Luger?







This photo was taken outside of Varennes-en-Argonne and is confirmed to be of York's group of prisoners. The three German officers in the front of the formation each played a central role in the 8 October battle. At left is Leutenant Paul Vollmer, the commander of 1st Battalion, 120th Württemberg Regiment, who personally surrendered his unit to York after losing many men and seeing his friend Fritz Endriss fall in combat. The German officer in the center is Leutenant Max Thoma, commander of the Bavarian 7th Mineur Company, the officer who refused to surrender unless Vollmer accepted responsibility, and to the right is Leutenant Paul Lipp, who commanded the 125th Württemberg machine gun that killed or wounded half of the Americans with York. The American in the center of the photo, just behind the German officers, is Alvin York. (AHEC)



General Lindsey – “Well , York, I hear you captured the whole damned German Army”

York – “I told him I only had 132”

L-R Vollmer, Thoma and Lipp



“There was one guy in my outfit who was a conscientious objector – but once he was in the thick of battle, he fought like a true American and almost captured the German Army single handed. His name was Alvin York and he was a hero” – Otis Merrithew (aka William B. Cutting) – October 1965

U. S. ARMY FIELD MESSAGE						
TIME FILED	SENT BY	TIME	RECEIVED BY	TIME	CHECK	
						✓
THESE SPACES FOR SIGNAL OPERATORS ONLY						
From	Garner					
At	1002 Plc					
Date	8/10/18	Hour	9/25	No.	1	Runner
To	Comasullo					
These men came from left flank. (132 in all besides wounded) Have not taken time to examine them for papers etc Garner						
Abd 12/21						

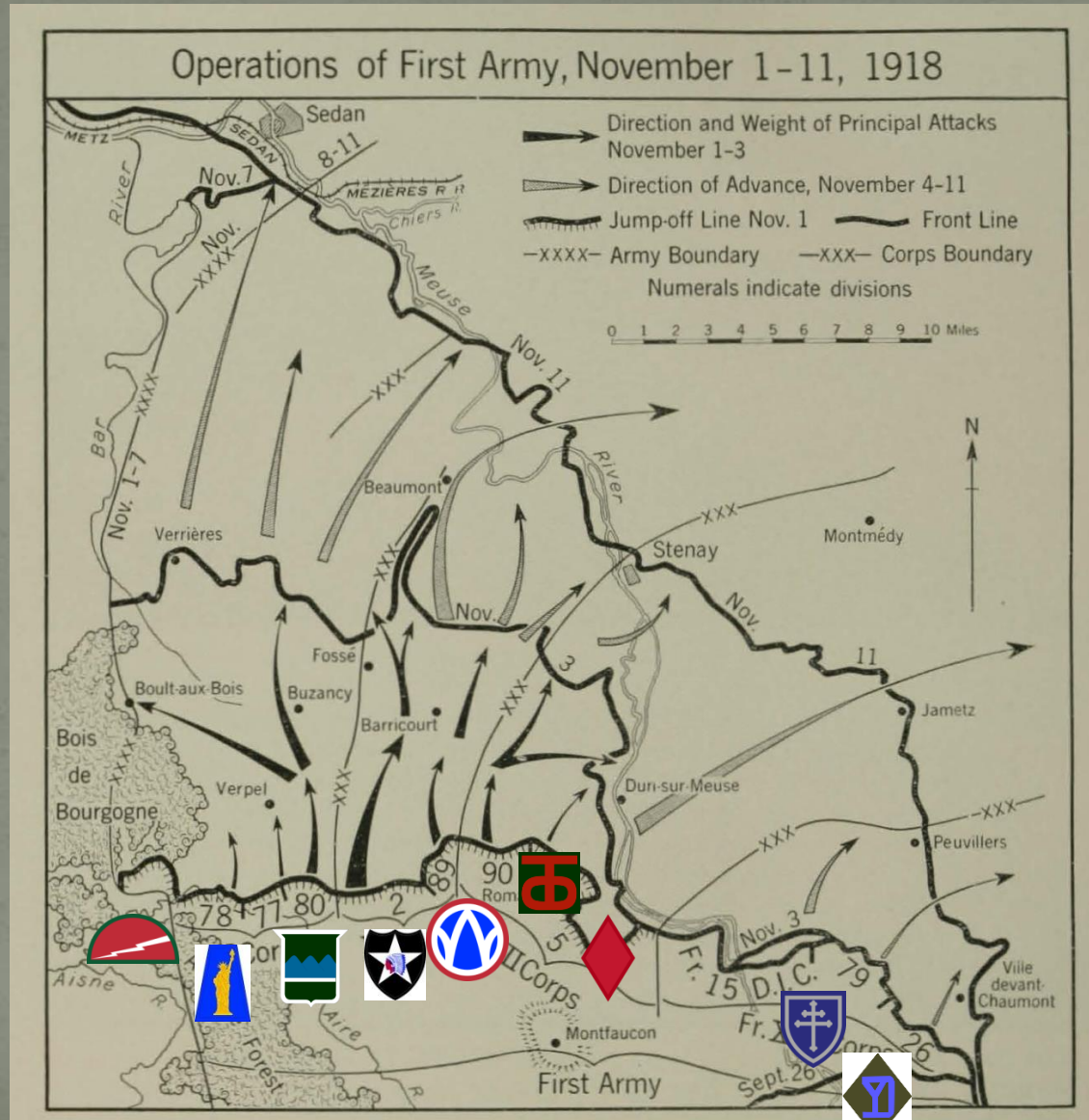


GERMAN PRISONERS -
MEUSE-ARGONNE
OCT. 1918

PHASE THREE

1 – 11 November

Operations 1-11 November 1918



Cpl. Alvin C. York

Promoted to Sergeant November 3, 1918

Headquarters, 728th Infantry,
American E. F., France,
November 3, 1918.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

~~NO 134~~ NO 134)

5. Upon the recommendation of Company Commanders, the following reductions, appointments, and promotions of non-commissioned officers are hereby made, effective as of November 1, 1918:

TO BE PRIVATES:

	Co.		Co.
Cpl. Valente 1910231 Sabe,	G	Cpl. Clark 1910296 Wallace W.	G
Cpl. Griffin 1910216 George G.	G	Cpl. Reiblick 189777 John C.	H
Cpl. Chabanian 1910496 Ajcig,	H	Cpl. Lehmann 2230539 Frank,	H
Cpl. Straw 1910443 John B.	H	Cpl. Henderson 1908892 Frank H.	MG

TO BE SERGEANTS:

Cpl. Snyder 1909214 Albert,	A	Cpl. Schmader 1909183 Sylvester,	A
Cpl. Shank, 1909200 Raymond I.	A	Cpl. Stucky 1825144 Sydney C.	C
Cpl. Gaio 1909601 Alfonso,	C	Cpl. Tripp 1908981 Henry A	D
Cpl. Rivard 1898282 Joseph	D	Pvt. qJoyce 2140492 William J.	D
Cpl. York 1910421 Alvin C.	G	Cpl. Bonsall 1910288 Joseph C.	G
Cpl. McDongal 1899727 Samuel C.	H	Cpl. Pitman 1899756 James F.	H
Pvt. Wylie 2229589 John T.	H	Cpl. Shaffer 2230841 Joseph,	H
Cpl. Putman 1910458 Artemus,	H	Cpl. Lange 2230700 Hugh,	H
Cpl. Eager -- Charles J.,	L	Cpl. Murphy 1910796 Frank H.	I
Cpl. Martineau 1911108 Leo T.,	L	Cpl. Bozes 1908851 Charles J. Jr.	MG
Cpl. Baker 1898397 Harry D.,	MGCo	Pvt. Matthews 1895727 W.	MG

89th Infantry Division at Stenay Church November 11, 1918 Armistice @ 1100 Hours





After the War

Sgt York – An American Hero

York at the Battle Site – February 9, 1919



Sgt. Alvin Cullen York

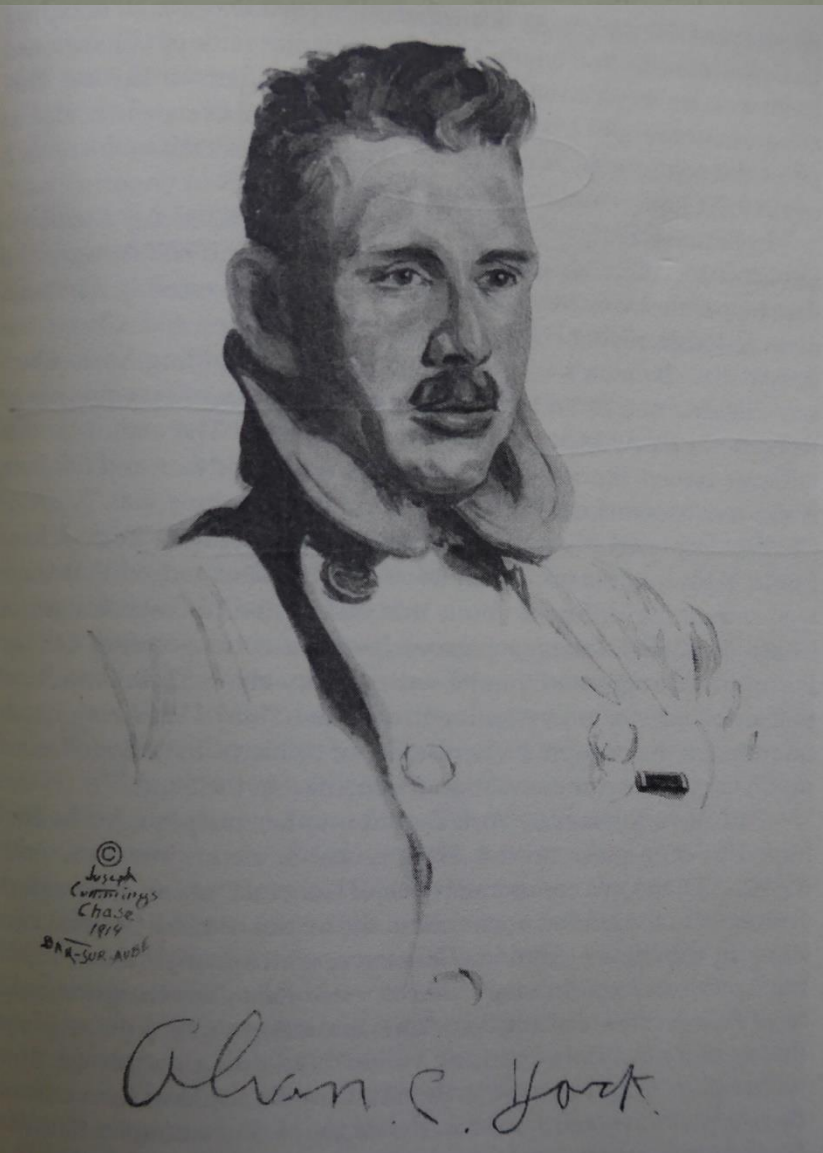
Medal of Honor – 20 March 1919

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action with the enemy near Chatel-Chehery, France on October 8, 1918. After his platoon had suffered heavy casualties and three other non-commissioned officers had become casualties, Cpl. York assumed command. Fearlessly leading seven men, he charged with great daring a machine gun nest, which was pouring deadly and incessant fire upon his platoon. In this heroic feat, the machine gun nest was taken together with four officers and one hundred twenty-eight men and several guns.

Sgt. Alvin C. York – A Reluctant Hero
Distinguished Service Cross – November 30
Medal of Honor – presented April 18 by Gen. Pershing
Croix de Guerre – April 7, 1919 presented by Field Marshall Foch (France)



Sketch of Sgt. York by Samuel Cummings Chase on Behalf of the US Army (1919)



82nd Inf Div Troops Boarding the USS Ohioan at Bordeaux, France – May 1919



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The Second Elder Gives Battle

By GEORGE PATTULLO

ARVIN C. YORK comes from Fall Mall, Fentress County, Tennessee, and is second elder in the Church of Christ and Christian Union. The sect is opposed to any form of fighting; they are conscientious objectors. But York refused to sit exemption, went to war, and as Corporal York of Company G, 328th Infantry, killed twenty Germans on October eighth, captured one hundred and thirty-two prisoners, including a major and three lieutenants, put thirty-five machine guns out of business, and thereby broke up an entire battalion which was about to counter-attack against the Americans on Hill 221 in the Argonne sector near Chateau-Chabery.

He outfought the machine-gun battalion with his rifle and automatic pistol. There were seven other Americans present at the fight, but it was York's battle and only York's. But for him not a man of them would have come out alive except as prisoners. In my estimation it stands out as the greatest individual feat of the war, not only because of the amazing things he did that day but because of the man's deep religious convictions and scruples. For though York joined the army when drafted he remained troubled for months, and it was only after his captain had had his doubts by quoting Biblical authority for taking up the sword that he saw his duty clearly. Once his conscience was at ease the second elder went in for fighting in earnest—and he surely did one fine job.

Which is not to say that he has no regrets over the necessity which compelled him to kill so many of the enemy, but he is fulfilled by the knowledge that he was fighting in a sanctified cause and so his soul is at peace.

"What do you suppose Pastor Pile will say when he hears of your exploit?" I asked him there on the scene of his achievement.

"What can he say? What can any of them say?" he replied earnestly. "I'lloned in the peace-maker's line 'er? Well, there was some stir-up in the country!" York is now a sergeant and has been decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross. He has also been recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor. To him said Maj. Gen. C. P. Tomersonell, in front of all the officers of the 32d Division—and "Honest John" is some soldier himself: "Corporal York, your division commander has reported to me your exceedingly gallant conduct during the operations of your division in the Meuse-Argonne Battle. I desire to express to you my pleasure and commendation for the courage, skill and gallantry which you displayed on that occasion. It is an honor to command such soldiers as you. Your conduct reflects great credit not only upon the American Army, but upon the American people. Your deeds will be recorded in the history of this great war and they will live as an inspiration not only to your comrades but to the generations that will come after us. I wish to commend you publicly and in the presence of the officers of your division."



Corporal Arvin C. York standing on the spot where he fought a machine-gun battalion. The bullets were on the steps directly back of him.

physique, for York is a whale of a man, standing six feet, and tipping the scales at two hundred and five pounds. "Once he wore a shock of red hair; now it is flipped down as becomes a soldier, but it still flames like a headlight. His features are not rugged, but clear cut, and his habitual expression is one of kindly humor; but whenever he is stirred to resentment his eyes contract and take on the peculiar high and piercing quality of the hawk's. I suspect that the second elder would be a bad hunter in a mix-up. Have you ever seen a gunman of the old Southwest? A real gunman, not the loud, quarrelsome, spurious notion here? Well, that's York. The same rather gentle voice in ordinary conversation, with a vibrant note when he is stirred that fairly trumpets danger; he has the same gray eyes, flecked with brown—eyes which can harpoon to his point. And he has the same unburied, half-indolent confidence of manner. In his steady gaze is absolute assurance of self.

"Somehow he didn't suggest timber for a conscientious objector, so after sining him up a while I asked a question: "York, you didn't always belong to the Church of Christ and Christian Union? Hasn't you raised a little softness now and again in your day?" He was slow in replying, but the answer was as I expected. "Yes, I used to drink and gamble some. I went all the galle. But when I got to drinking I was kind of liable to fight, and it was like to get me into a right smart of trouble." He paused a moment then countered with: "A feller does a heap of things he's ashamed of later, don't he?" I admitted it—no use in arguing facts.

"And now you soldier drink nor gamble? You don't even swear?" "The answer came like the crack of a whip. "No, sir; I play the game straight." That was like him too. He added: "A man can't do any of those things and belong to our church. He can't just be a Christian on Sundays. He's got to live up to it all the time."

Now we were standing on the spot where he had crouched amid the brush, with machine-gun bullets shattering down twigs on his head as he shot it out against an

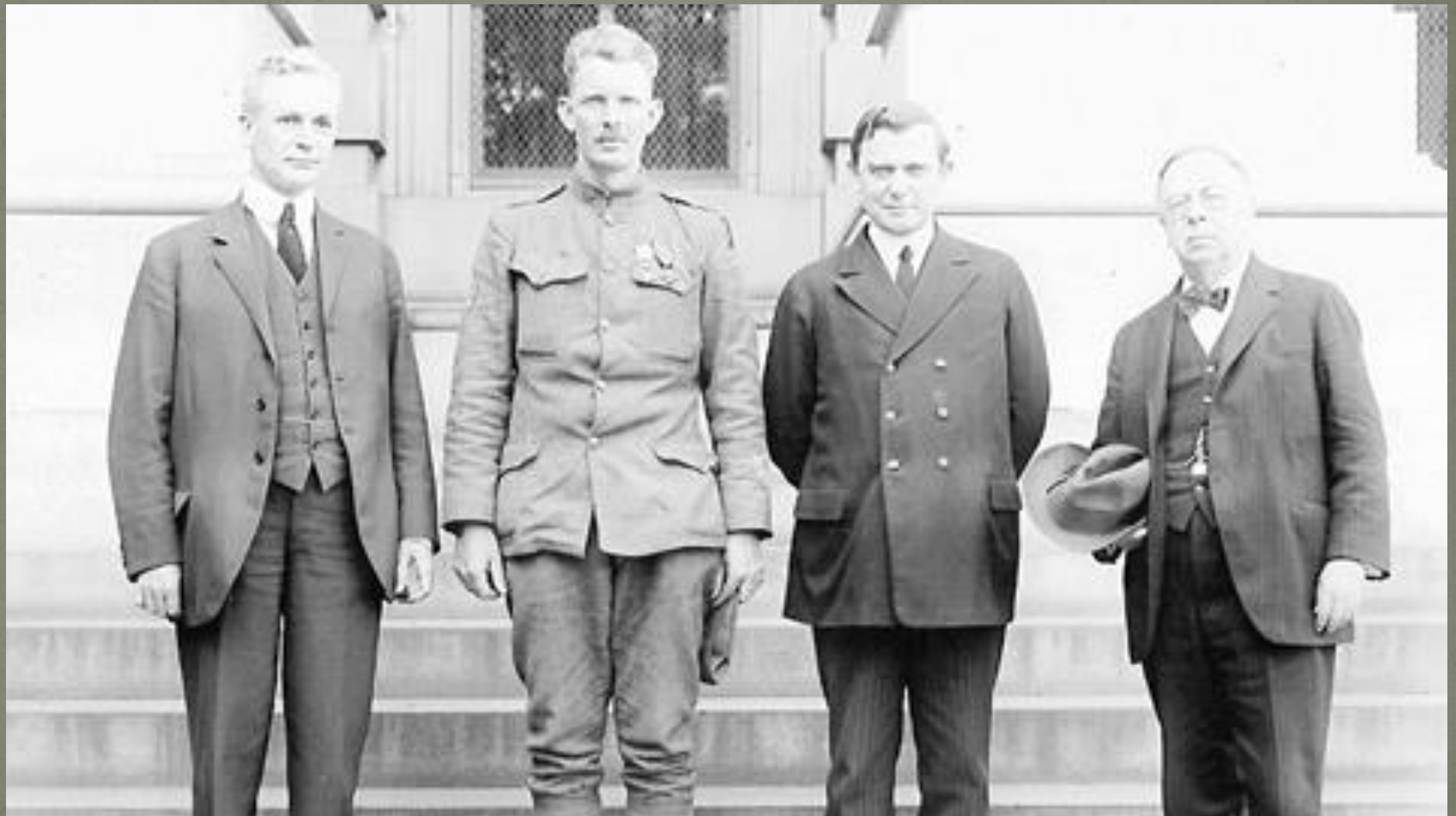
York stood there, unflinching, looking him straight in the eye as one man to another. To him had been given the honor of carrying the colors that day. Never once did he do the wrong thing, though he was several times in situations about which he had received no instruction. This Tennessee mountaineer seems to do everything correctly by intuition; army officers who have been over the ground where he fought assert that no amount of military training could have improved his tactics, yet with York it was entirely the working of instinct, for until November 14, 1917, he was living on a small farm on Wolf River, five miles from the Kentucky border. On that day he joined the army at Camp Gordon, Georgia, and became No. 1,910,421.

He has always farmed or worked at blacksmithing. Possibly that is where he gets his

York Arrives at the Hoboken Docks aboard the USS Ohioan – May 1919



York Arrives in New York Tennessee Senator Cordell Hull





Alvin and Gracie are Married – June 7, 1919

“I just wanted to get back to my people where I belonged, to my mother and the little mountain girl who were waiting”



GENERAL SEPTEMBER 1, 1921

YORK TAG DAY TOMORROW

— BENEFIT —

YORK FARM FUND

Under Auspices of Nashville Rotary Club

Here's Sergeant York's Record

Sergeant York of Company C, 88th Infantry, on October 26, 1918, killed more than twenty Germans, captured one hundred and thirty-two prisoners, including a German major and three lieutenants, put thirty-five machine guns out of business, and thereby broke up an entire battalion which was about to counter-attack against the Americans on Hill 262 in the Argonne sector near Chateau Thierry.

Medals York has won are the greatest thing accomplished by any soldier during the war.

Sergeant York has been honored by all of the allied nations, and among the medals awarded him are:

- The Congressional Medal of Honor
- The Distinguished Service Cross
- The Legion of Honor
- The Croix de Guerre, with Palm
- The Italian Cross of Honor
- The War Medal of Montenegro
- A Special Medal by State of Tennessee

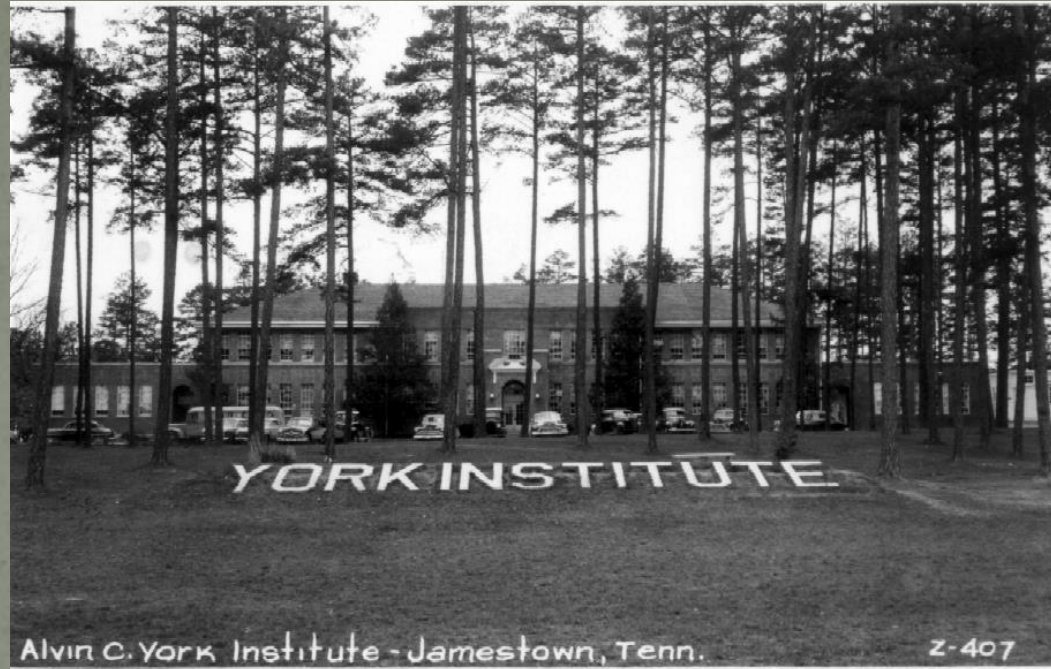
During the past two years Sergeant York has many times been offered a fortune for himself, but each time he has refused, desiring every dollar to be commensurate his farm.

Tomorrow you will be given an opportunity to help pay off the mortgage of \$12,500 on the farm to be presented him by the people of Tennessee

Everyone should be willing to make a liberal contribution to the Tennessean who is recognized as the greatest hero of greatest war in history of the world, and who has turned down a fortune rather than sell his popularity.

Sergeant York is asking nothing for himself, but the Nashville Rotary Club and Nashville Newspapers are asking you to do your part in helping to pay the outstanding notes on the York Farm.

York Institute - 1926



The York Institute in Jamestown was founded by World War I hero Sgt. Alvin C. York in the 1920s to help prepare young people for the future. York helped dig the foundations (above in trench facing camera) and provided extensive support.

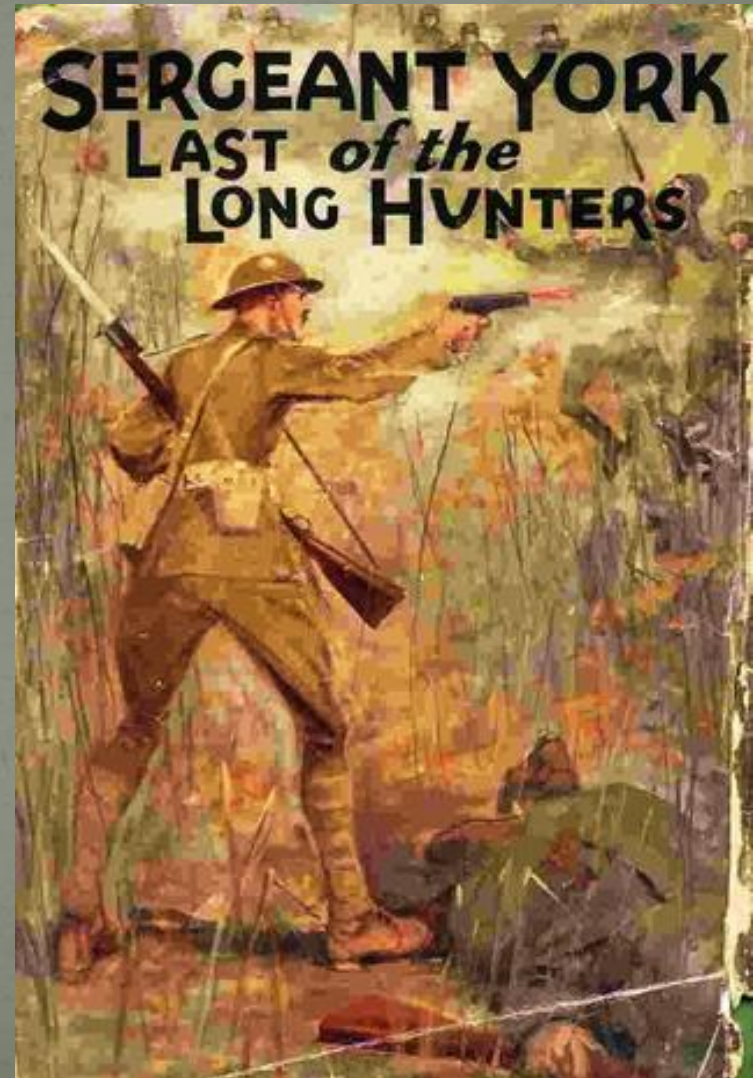
Tom Skeyhill (ANZAC) – Witnessed the May 22nd
1919 NYC Parade and Visited York in Pall Mall in 1927

HIS OWN LIFE STORY
AND WAR DIARY

EDITED BY
TOM SKEYHILL

GARDEN CITY, NEW YORK
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Skeyhill – “Only those who have not examined the records can ever doubt that this great American soldier practically single-handedly whipped and captured a German machine gun battalion”



1929 War College Re-enactment





OUR HONORED GUEST

Jefferson

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THE NIAGARA FALLS GAZETTE
Monday, November 17, 1929

CONTROVERSY STILL ON BETWEEN MEMBERS OF HEROIC BAND OF SOLDIERS IN ARGONNE FIGHT

As They Were that Day in the Argonne... and as They Are Now

ELEVEN YEARS AFTER WAR FINDS MEMBERS IN DIFFERENT JOBS

Bill Cox's Statement Why Sergeant York Got All the Glory for Winning

YORKER HELD UP OFFICIAL Washington Seems to Strive to War that York Did it All.

IN A RECENT TALK... York was the only man in the world who had been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions in the Argonne. He was the only man in the world who had been awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the Argonne. He was the only man in the world who had been awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the Argonne.




Two Men Are Arrested Following Three Sunday Holdups at Falls

Frank Suple and Walter Smaker Arrested at Robbery Tuesday

Chase of 48 Hours Following in Able Off Track Drive

Two men were arrested following three Sunday holdups at Falls. The men, Frank Suple and Walter Smaker, were arrested at a robbery Tuesday. A chase of 48 hours followed in an able off track drive.

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None but Physician Can Tell if Child is Normal, Fishbein Says

Secretary Plans to Examine the Capacity of the Child Physically and Mentally in Fall of Year

By Mrs. MARY FISHBEIN

The average parent is not concerned in the matter that the child is normal or abnormal. The child is normal or abnormal. The child is normal or abnormal.

They Called Her Scrawny But Not For Long

She is now a girl and a beauty

They called her scrawny but not for long. She is now a girl and a beauty. They called her scrawny but not for long.

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SGT Alvin C. York

Secretary Of War
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Army Relief Carnival following ceremony of decorating Sgt. Bernard Early with Distinguished Service Cross Oct. 5, 1929. L. to R.: Major-Gen. C. P. Summerall, Sgt. Alvin C. York and Sec. War Good.
ARMY CORPS CAPTION

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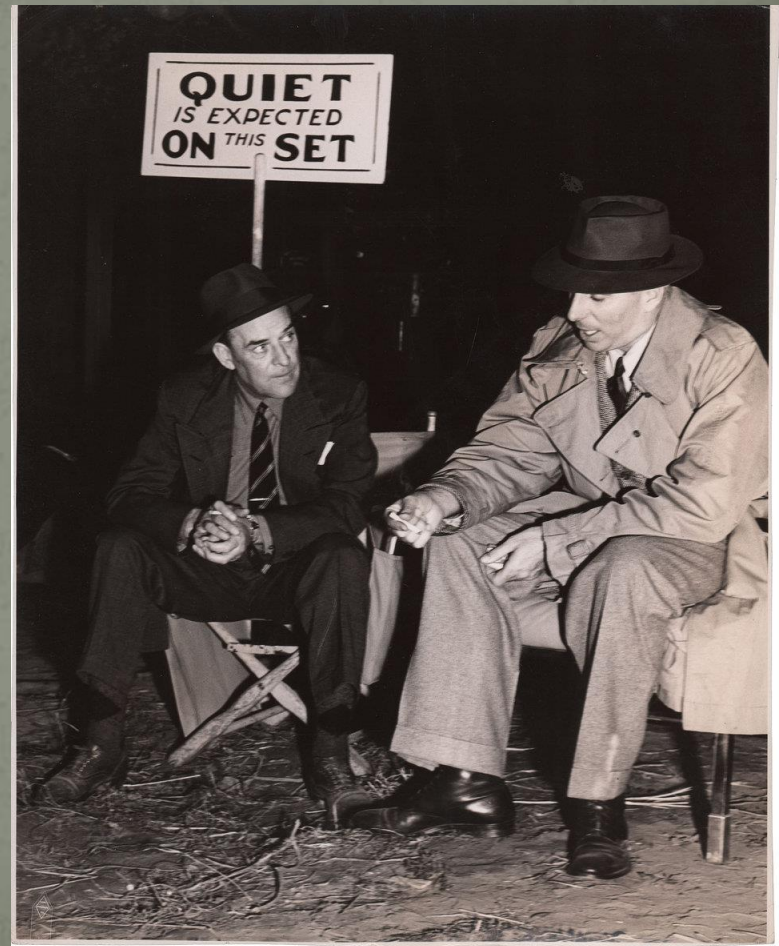
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Ast. Sec. War Patrick J. Hurley
congratulating Sgt. Bernard Early
after decorating him with D.S.C.
Army Relief Carnival, Oct. 5, 1929.

SIGNAL CORPS CAPTION

Director Howard Hanks and Producer Jesse Laskey (1941)





Cooper, the ~~Sergeant York~~ of the screen and Sergeant Alvin York, the outstanding hero of World War No. 1, have a serious chat upon their arrival in New York for the premiere of Warner Bros. production



“Sgt York” – 1942

Gary Cooper wins Oscar Award



Cooper & York



York with Gen. Omar Bradley Camp Claiborne, LA - 1942





“I just teched them off!”



York Monument – Nashville, TN



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Alvin C. York

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Alvin C. York 1887-1964





The Great War Remembered









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Sgt. York Monument at Chatel-Chehery Tennessee Rotary Clubs - 1987



1887 SERGEANT ALVIN C. YORK 1964

ON OCTOBER 8, 1918 AT WHAT HAS BECOME KNOWN AS MONT YORK LOCATED ONE KILOMETER TO THE WEST ALVIN C. YORK, A NATIVE OF TENNESSEE SERVING WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY, ARMED WITH HIS RIFLE AND PISTOL, HIS COURAGE AND SKILL SILENCED A GERMAN BATTALION OF 25 MACHINE GUNS, KILLING 25 ENEMY SOLDIERS AND CAPTURING 132 ACCORDING TO MARSHALL FERDINAND FOCH, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ALLIED ARMIES, THIS WAS THE "GREATEST THING ACCOMPLISHED BY ANY PRIVATE SOLDIER OF ALL THE ARMIES OF EUROPE."

ON THE OCCASION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF HIS BIRTH, TENNESSEE REMEMBERS HER HEROIC NATIVE SON.

ERECTED IN 1967 BY THE TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION WITH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

LE 8 OCTOBRE 1918, A L'ENDROIT APPELE PAR LA SUITE MONT YORK SITUÉ A UN KILOMETRE A L'OUEST DE CE LIEU, ALVIN C. YORK ORIGINAIRE DU TENNESSEE, MEMBRE DE LA 26^{ME} DIVISION AMERICAINE ARMEE D'UN FUSIL ET D'UN PISTOLET, GRACE A SON COURAGE ET A SON HABILETÉ, A FAIT SILENCER UN BATAILLON ALLEMAND DE 25 MITRAILLEUSES TUANT 25 SOLDATS ENNEMIS ET EN CAPTURANT 132. SELON LE MARSHAL FOCH, COMMANDANT EN CHEF DES ARMÉES ALLIÉES, CE FUT "LE PLUS GRAND EXPLOIT JAMAIS RÉALISÉ PAR UN SIMPLE SOLDAT DE TOUTES LES ARMÉES EN EUROPE."

A L'OCCASION DU CENTIÈME ANNIVERSAIRE DE SA NAISSANCE, L'ÉTAT DU TENNESSEE SE SOUVIENT DE SON "FILS" HÉROÏQUE.

YORK





The Discovery of the York Site

The Sgt. York Project (SYP) vs the
Sgt. York Discovery Expedition (SYDE)

German's say American
were already at this point
When the incident occurred

7th Company, 125th LDW

7th Bavarian Mineur
Company

4th Company, 120th LDW

German's say here is where
the incident took place

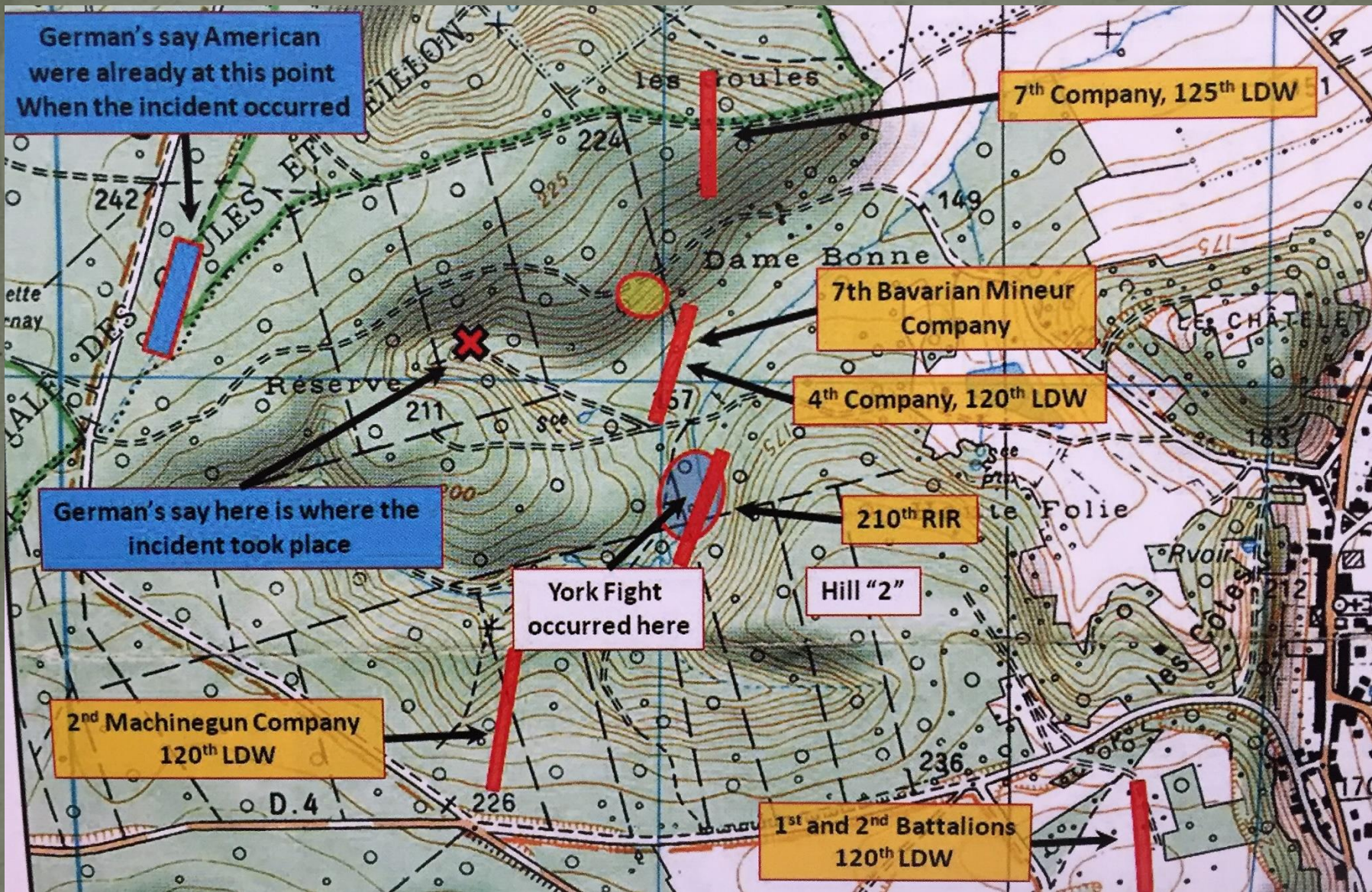
York Fight
occurred here

210th RIR

Hill "2"

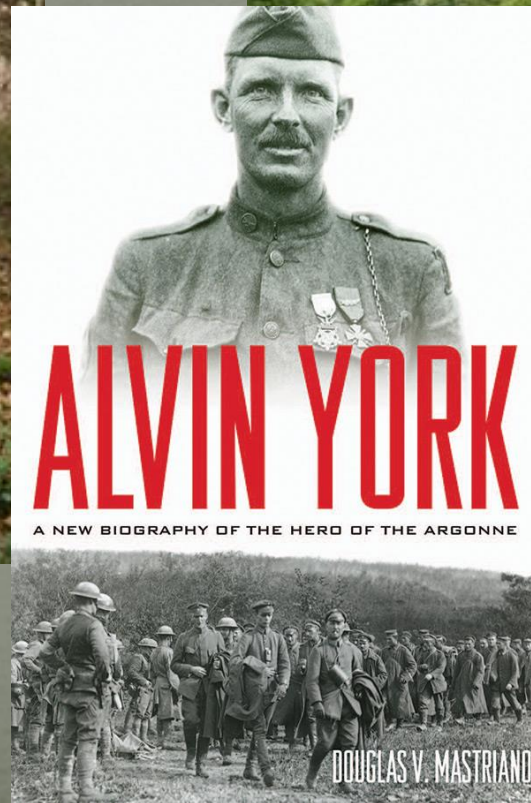
2nd Machinegun Company
120th LDW

1st and 2nd Battalions
120th LDW

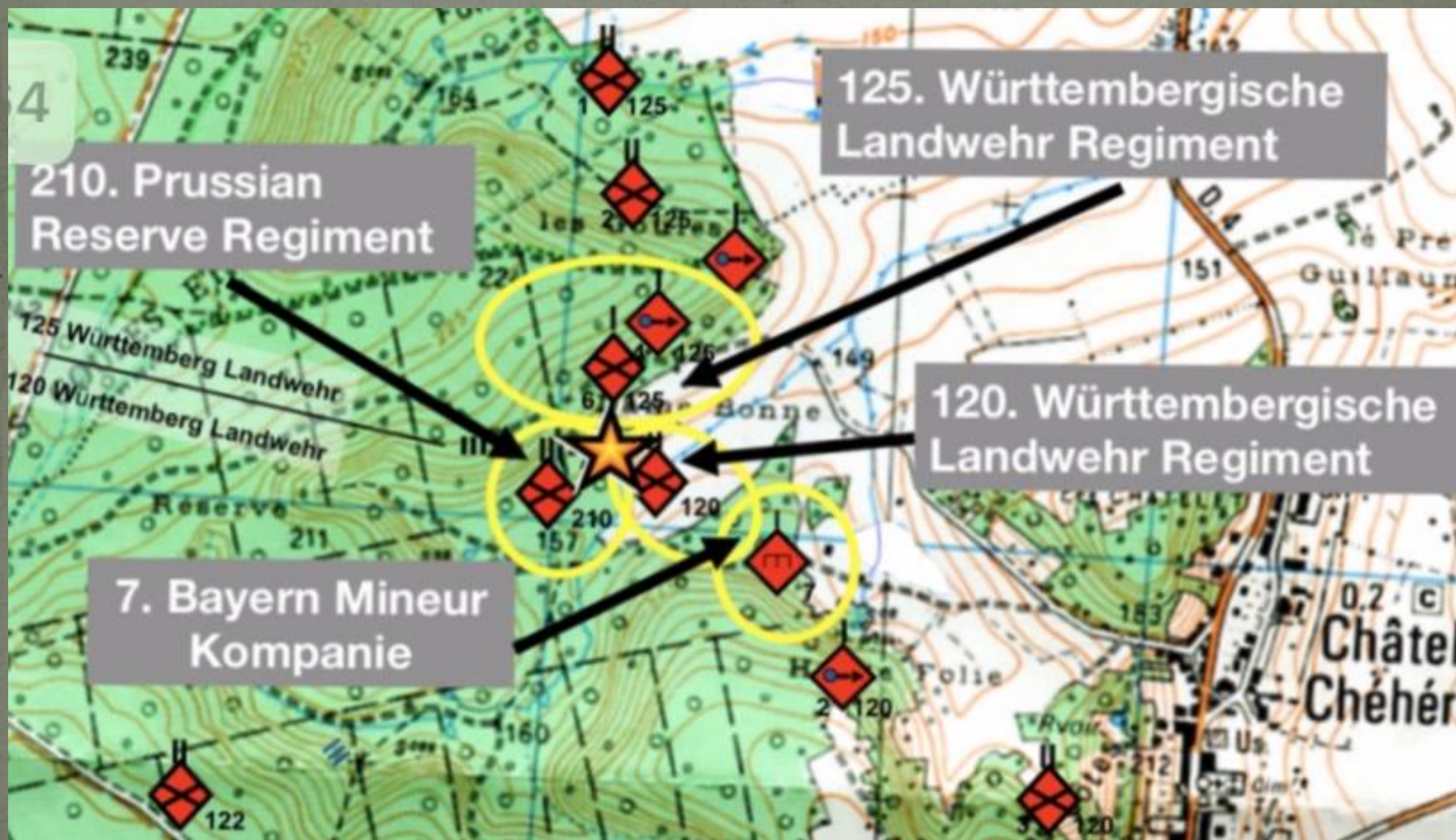


Sgt York Discovery Expedition

Col. Douglas Mastriano

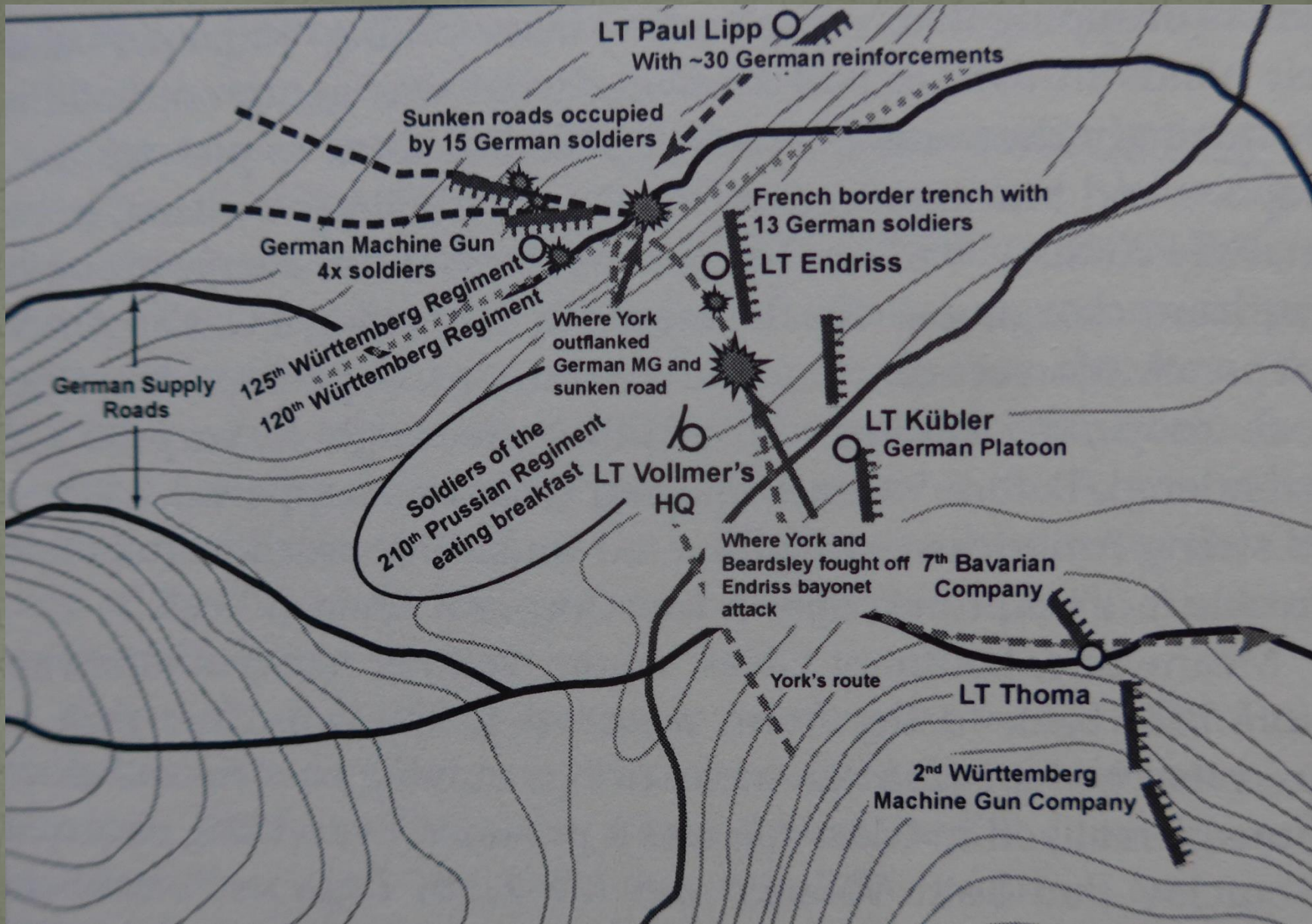


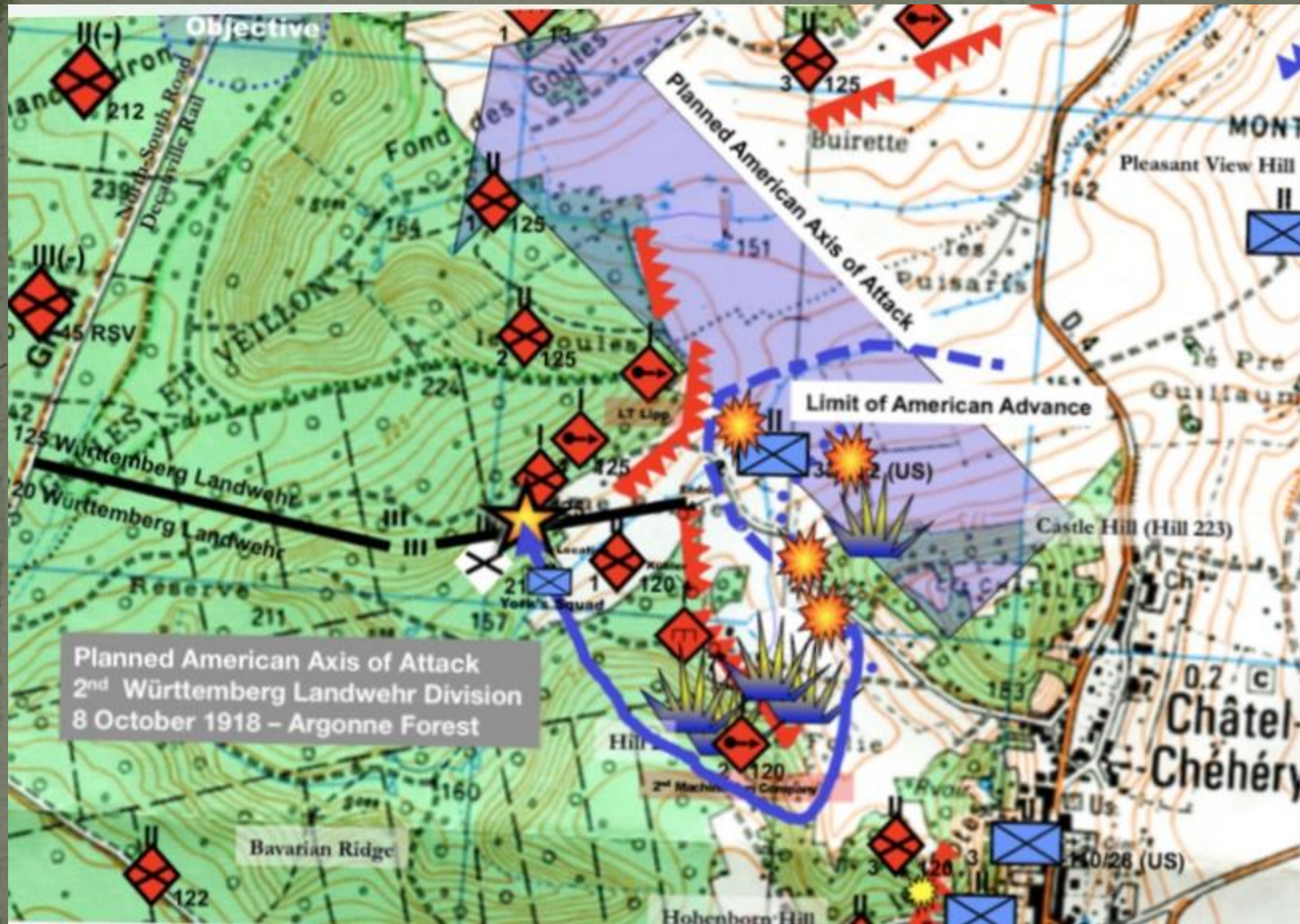
SYDE View of Events



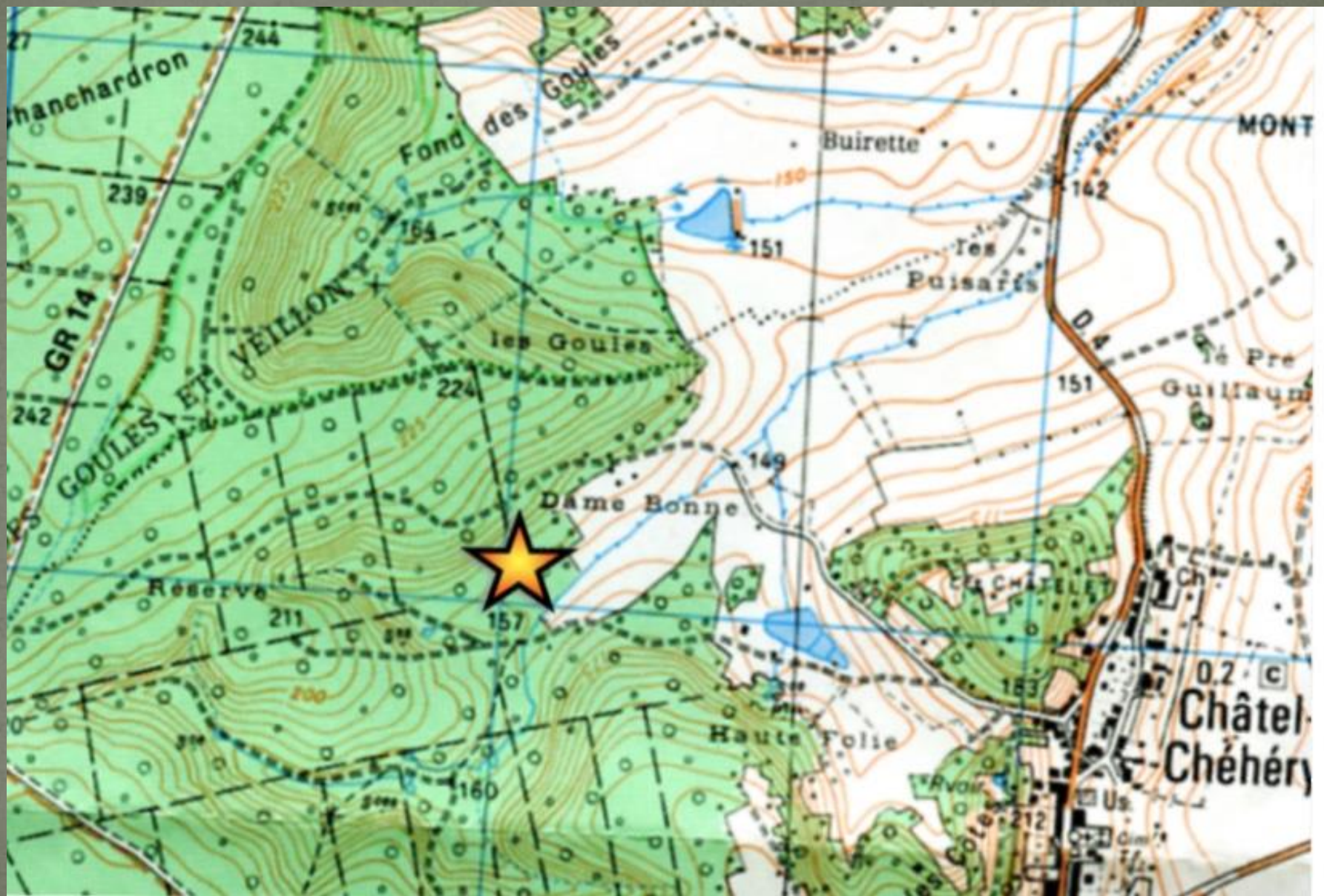


German map sketch of the 8 October 1918.
The "X" is where they confirm as the location of
where Alvin York's action occurred





Planned American Axis of Attack
 2nd Württemberg Landwehr Division
 8 October 1918 – Argonne Forest





With much fanfare, the York family dedicates the Sgt. York battlefield monument in October 2008. The York family (right - Deborah Your, great grand-daughter of Alvin York), centre - George York (son of Alvin York) and Col. Gerald York unveil the monument at the exact location where Alvin York earned the Medal of Honor, with the help of Sgm. Jose Salas of the 82nd Airborne Division. The Sergeant York historic Trail was also officially opened under the auspice of the Mayor of Châtel Chéhéry, Alain Rickal

Sgt York Project

Dr. Tom Nolan

Excellent research and an indispensable resource for any student of



Tom Nolan, Michael Kelly, Fred Castier, Yves Desfosses, Michael Birdwell, Mayor Roland Destenay. Roland is holding the 328 G collar insignia



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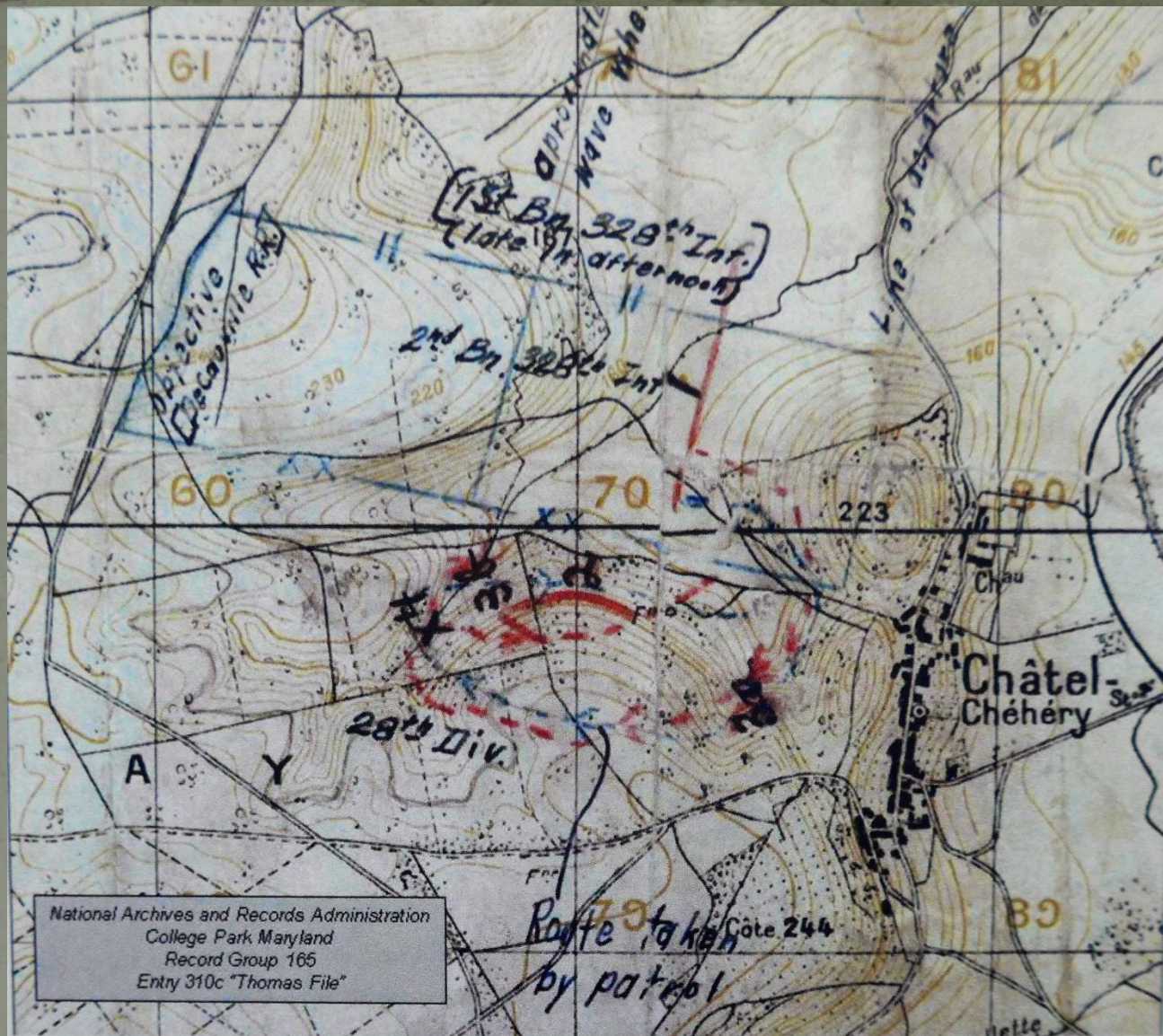
HERO ON THE WESTERN FRONT DISCOVERING ALVIN YORK'S WWI BATTLEFIELD MICHAEL KELLY

HERO ON THE WESTERN FRONT

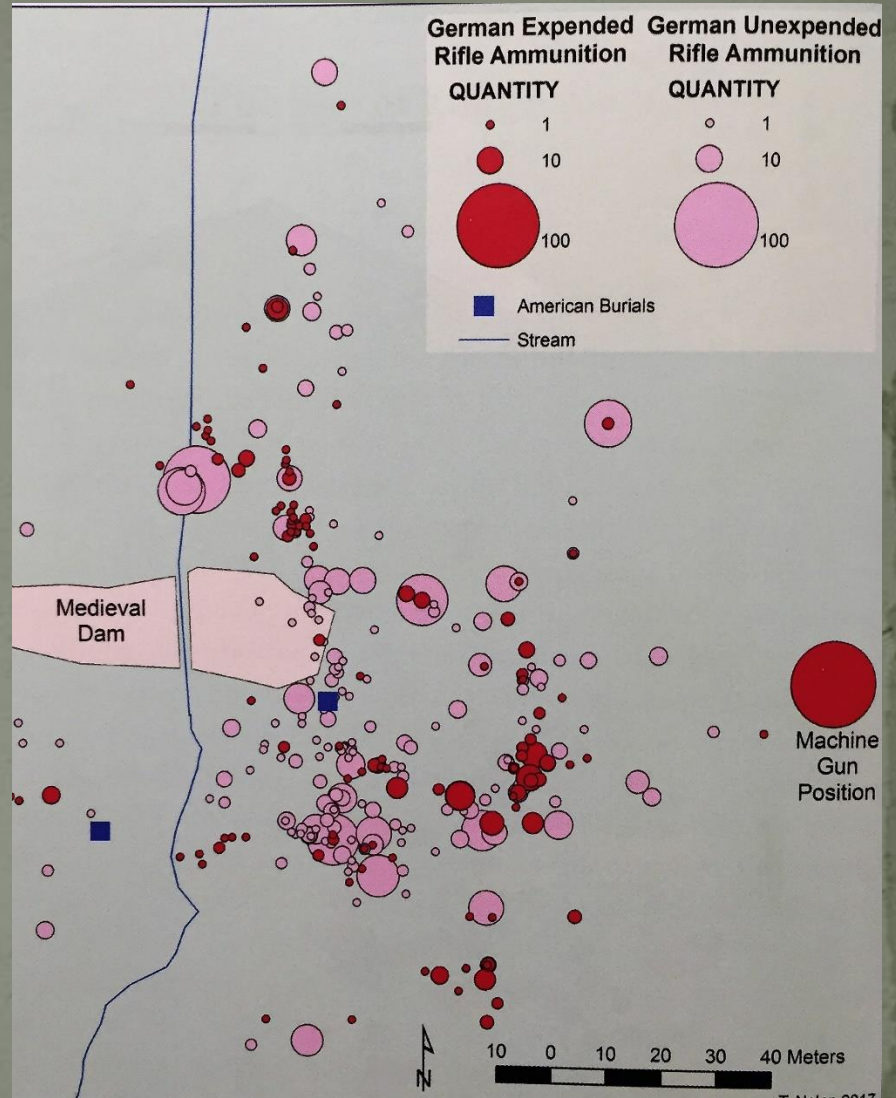
DISCOVERING ALVIN YORK'S WWI BATTLEFIELD

MICHAEL KELLY





This a scan of the original map found by Dr. Nolan in the National Archives. It was annotated with red and blue lines personally by Major Buxton and Captain Danforth as to the route the patrol took as it departed on the mission to attack the German





This is where we suspect Corporal Savage was initially buried.



During the metal detector survey of the area where it is suspected Cpl Savage had been buried this American pocket watch was found. Near the watch a cluster of expended (fired) American 30-06 and .45 cartridges were found. (The watch was marked on the inside "American Railway Watch")



U.S. Form No. 10-A Place Roma, no-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date May 25, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF MURRAY L. SAVAGE, SERIAL NUMBER 1910275,

RANK Pvt., ORGANIZATION USA.

2. Disinterred (date): May 25, 1921. From (give complete location):
Isolated grave, Bois de Chatel, Chatel-Chahery,
Map 36SW NE79.05 E297.18.
 By: Group J. F. Richards, Unit Area #1.

3. Reburied (date): May 25, 1921. In (give complete location):
Grave #189, section 113, plot 4, ✓
Argonne American Cemetery #1232.
 By: Group G. T. Parker, Unit Cem. 1232, Area #1. Nature of reburial Regulation.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Body was buried in uniform, shoes about size #6. Body badly decomposed. Temporary grave marker marked grave and had an identification tag attached.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes (1). On grave marker? Yes (1).

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: The identification tag found on temporary grave marker read MURRAY L. SAVAGE PVT USA other side 1910275. The identification plaque found on marker read M. L. SAVAGE USA 1910275.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?

(a) Height (actual measurement)	<u>Impossible to determine.</u>	<u>Gold crown.</u>	<u>Gold filig.</u>
(b) Weight (estimated)	<u>Impossible to determine.</u>	<u>Missing A/D.</u>	
(c) Hair—Color	<u>None.</u>	<u>Amalgam filig.</u>	<u>Amalgam filig.</u>
Quantity	<u>None.</u>	<u>Cavity.</u>	<u>Amalgam filig.</u>
Characteristics	<u>None.</u>	<u>Amalgam filig.</u>	<u>Amalgam filig.</u>

Edwin C. Bearss
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